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## Frank Discussion of Gay Issues in Russia

by David O'Connor

U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) is in Russia this week to seek the release of hundreds or even thousands of gay men serving prison sentences for consensual adult sex.

The figures on prisoners come from the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), which organized the delegation led by Frank. Twelve activists from around the United States are accompanying the openly gay Congressperson and will speak to Russian government officials as well as gay rights activists and AIDS service providers.

Adult gay sex is outlawed

under the Russian Penal Code enacted in 1933.

Frank will deliver a letter signed by U.S. Congressmembers urging the Russian Parliament to repeal the prohibition and release men imprisoned under that law. A replacement penal code without the anti-gay provision was drafted two years ago but has not been discussed by Parliament and faces little chance of passage, according to IGLHRC.

"We're very optimistic," IGLHRC Director Julie Dorf said last week before leaving on the trip. "The last two years of Gorbachev's rule saw a lot of amnesty given to political prisoners. If we can convince them that these are

political prisoners, we feel like there's a good chance of freeing them."

Besides being used to imprison people, the anti-gay law is used to quash newly forming lesbian and gay groups, Dorf said. Because group members would be engaging in criminal activity under the prohibition, the government denies such groups official status.

"The law is used to deny freedom of assembly, freedom of expression," Dorf said. "Historically, it has been used to blackmail gays to work for the government as informers and to keep people scared and closeted."

During the trip, Frank will speak at a gay disco that will

hold what "may be the largest gathering of gays and lesbians ever in the history of Russia," according to Russian activist Roman Kalinin.

The trip also includes stops at a prison unit where gays are housed, and at a clinic serving people with AIDS.

In addition to gaining release of prisoners and repeal of the anti-gay law, the U.S. delegation hopes to pressure the Russian government to address gay rights issues and deal with the growing problem of hate crimes against gays, Dorf said.

Dorf said that gay bars have opened in Russia only in the last six months and a lack of police protection has led to attacks on people as they leave the bars. ▼



Julie Dorf, executive director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. (Photo: Judi Parks)



### Looking A Lot Like Christmas

A couple enjoys the lighting of the AIDS Memorial Grove evergreens at Union Square. The trees will be planted in Golden Gate Park in January. Pictured above are Garryl Turner (left) and John Steppeler, who came from Novato to see the lighting of the trees. (Photo: Judi Parks)

## SF Schools to Start Condom Distribution

by Dennis Conkin

Condom distribution must be underway in all San Francisco high schools by the end of June, San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Waldemar Rojas announced December 2.

Baïboa High School has offered condoms and birth control pills at its on-campus health clinic since last year.

"Mayor Jordan fully supports condom distribution in the high schools," said spokesperson Stacey Walters. "In fact, our budget allocated about \$50,000 for condoms for distribution in the public schools and the Department of Public Health."

Board of Education member Tom Ammiano told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he was "happy the program is off the ground."

"Things like this never happen fast enough for me," he said, "and the first year of programs like this are often hard, but Superintendant Rojas really believes in the program and committed to making it happen."

The program is opposed by Diane Schindler, president of the San Francisco PTA.

Ammiano denounced Schindler as a "loose cannon" and criticized the mainstream media that have covered the condom distribution implementation controversy for

failing to report that although Schindler is head of the PTA, she has no children attending schools within the district.

The condoms will be distributed by volunteer health professionals as well as by teachers who have taken special health training.

"Each school will implement its own program; there are a variety of ways the condoms will be made available for students," Ammiano said, adding that he would like to see the program eventually extend to peer counselors who would distribute condoms and safer sex information to other students.

"But, this is a good start" he said. ▼

First of Two Sections

## Finance Committee Considers Pulling City Funds From BofA

by Dennis Conkin

The Finance Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will decide this week whether to support a call to divest city funds from the Bank of America because the bank financially supports the anti-gay Boy Scouts.

If the Finance Committee approves Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's resolution calling for the withdrawal of more than \$6 million in city accounts at BofA, the measure is expected to go before the entire Board for a full vote on December 7. Scout foes say they hope for a strong lesbian and gay presence at that meeting, to demonstrate the community's support for Achtenberg's resolution.

San Francisco has an estimated \$40 million in investments and accounts with BofA; the funds that would be moved to other banks include monies from general revenue and other cash funds now held in lock box accounts at the bank.

The action follows BofA's decision earlier this year to reinstate funding to the Scouts, after initially announcing to the community that it would no longer support

port the homophobic group.

The Boy Scouts have come under fire for discriminating against gay youth, and for explicitly forbidding them from joining the organization. Last April the United Way of the Bay Area withdrew funding for six local Boy Scout chapters because of their exclusionary policies, which cost the Boy Scouts an estimated \$1 million in funds.

In June, the Bank of America issued a statement that it would join an increasing number of businesses, such as Wells Fargo Bank and Levi Strauss and Company, that would no longer fund the group. At that time, BofA issued a statement that "it is inappropriate for Bank of America to make charitable contributions to any organization that discriminates" but by August, it had changed its mind.

During the two months that BofA withheld its contributions, it was hounded by right wing fundamentalists to reverse its position. The bank now maintains it was not the pressure from conservatives that led to its decision to reinstate funding; rather, it says — despite all evidence to the contrary — the scouts didn't

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## California News

# Parents Decry Gay Helpline Number on Student ID Cards

by Monique Doryland

Coming out publicly for the first time in his life, high school junior Mike Galetto faced an auditorium full of people the night of November 23, and spoke from the heart.

"Yes, I am afraid," he told the board of the Morgan Hill Unified School District during a meeting packed with more than 200 onlookers, "but many of you hear are also motivated by fear."

The crowd of parents, teachers, administrators, students, and South Bay lesbian and gay activists listened to Galetto talk about the need for sensitivity training for his teachers, and the need to openly acknowledge lesbian and gay adolescents like himself — but many there didn't like what they heard, and they made no secret of it.

The lengthy meeting was the second in recent weeks where the Morgan Hill community focused on lesbian and gay youth visibility. As one school board member said, "Our community has literally exploded over the last two or three weeks."

The cause of the explosion was the decision to include a gay helpline number, along with other possibly helpful numbers, on the student identification cards. Right wing Christian fundamentalists were outraged by the action and have been so rabidly opposed that four uniformed police officers were on hand to keep the meeting under control.

Morgan Murphy Middle School teacher Ronald Schmidt was the lightning rod for parental fear. Openly



Mike Galetto came out to more than 200 people at a Morgan Hill School District meeting to discuss whether a gay helpline number should be printed on student ID cards.

gay for many years, Schmidt spoke at length, quoting from the California State Social Studies "core" for kindergarten through twelfth grades, and reminding the audience that "ethical teaching is respect for each person as a unique individual."

Although the school board seemed sympathetic, and many members spoke of tolerance, most of the parents who spoke voiced strong opposition to Schmidt. They spoke out against lesbian and gay rights, "the gay activists' agenda," and the notion of providing information to lesbian and gay students in crisis.

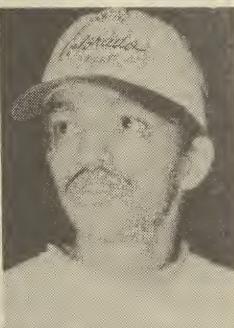
Outside the auditorium one young man carried a sign emblazoned, "Kill the Faggots."

Although Principal Donald Schaefer has offered any student who wants one a new Associated Student Body, or "ABS," card without the offending telephone number, only a handful have been exchanged.

However, according to les-

bians Judy Rickard, president of BAMEC (Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee), a volunteer group that seeks to introduce lesbian and gay civil rights into the South Bay political agenda, "This has started picking off a scab that's been there for a long time."

Laura Gonzalez, a district parent and local housing administrator who came to speak at the urging of her husband, Adam, said, "I'm concerned about the way the



An unidentified student whose anti-gay sign was confiscated by police.

community is reacting," and told those in attendance, "the thing that frightens me most is intolerance."

High school student Yun Lea said that "parents are scared of letting their kids know what is out there" and she felt that the very religious "don't listen to new information."

Parent Ken Cummings told the crowd, "I'm not ignorant. I'm not homophobic. I'm just repulsed" by lesbians and gays. ▼

## Santa Clara United Way To Fund Lesbian and Gay Services

by David O'Connor

The United Way of Santa Clara approved \$200,000 in funding to agencies serving lesbians and gays November 20. The money will be split evenly between specifically lesbian and gay service providers and mainstream organizations that offer gay programs.

The funding decision followed a report from an ad hoc committee that formed in October 1991 to examine the needs of lesbians and gays in the county.

Committee Chair Susanne Wilson said the report was well received by United Way board members, and added that the organization is committed to better understanding all people it serves.

In other action resulting from the committee's report, the United Way board proposed adding the words "sexual orientation" to its nondiscrimination policy for funding recipients. That proposal must be approved by two-thirds of the 70-member board in order to go into effect. It will be voted on at a December 17 meeting.

Wilson predicted the vote

will be close. She said the proposal's passage would not mean the United Way would have to cut funding to the Boy Scouts.

"The Scouts are funded through this year and they have until '94 to begin to look at whether they can change or not," Wilson said. "Indeed, I think there are certain things that they will have to be doing. We're not looking for anything that is punitive for any agency. We hope agencies would work with us to be able to come into compliance."

Forgotten Scouts spokesperson Ken McPherson said United Way's sexual orientation proposal will put the philanthropic organization on a collision course with the Boy Scouts' anti-gay policy. McPherson said United Way would have to defund the Scouts if the proposal is adopted because Scout leaders show no signs of dropping their ban against gays.

Allocation of the \$200,000 for lesbian and gay services will begin next spring, Wilson said, and eligible agencies can apply now. The money is earmarked for youth services, support groups, mental health

counseling, legal services, and substance abuse services.

Other recommendations from the ad hoc committee that were adopted by the board included expanding the United Way's Directory of Health and Human Services to include a section on gay/lesbian/bisexual services; meeting with donors to brief them on the report and provide sensitivity training on sexual orientation; and continuing to assess needs of lesbians and gays.

The ad hoc committee was made up of 27 people — including United Way volunteers and board members, corporate donors, and lesbians, gays, and bisexuals — who met monthly. Wilson said the committee will disband after the December 17 meeting.

"The actions taken by our board recognizing these emerging and growing needs and to fund services for the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities, are in line with United Way's mission to help local agencies provide human care services to people in need," said Perry VanDeventer, interim president of United Way of Santa Clara. ▼



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(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## Lee Pleads Not Guilty

by Dennis Conkin

A San Francisco man has pleaded innocent to charges of attempted homicide for splashing four officers with his HIV-infected blood.

The charges were lodged against Wayne Bruce Lee, a popular local tattoo artist, after an October 20 incident in which the officers were splashed with blood when they responded to a call that Lee had tried to commit suicide by slashing his right wrist.

Bail is set at \$40,000 in the case, and Lee remains in custody at the Hall of Justice following his plea in Superior Court.

In the incident, officers responding to a call from Lee's roommates stopped Lee at the corner of Laguna and Hayes. During the altercation, Lee splashed the officers in the face, skin, and clothes with blood from his offend.

Lee's roommate declined to comment on the matter.

According to Charles Shutz, a friend of Lee's, the artist warned officers to keep away from him because he was HIV-positive. As he was backed against a cyclone fence and the officers stood in a semi-circle two or three feet away from him, Lee gesticulated, spattering the officers with blood from the severe injury.

Lee was punched in the mouth by the arresting officer, according to Shutz, and then fell to the ground. He was then arrested.

According to reports, Lee is alleged to have told officers prior to the alleged assault "Maybe I should infect you, so you'll know how I feel."

The attempted homicide charges brought by the District Attorney's Office "are absurd," Shutz told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"Bruce's landlord is a nurse at San Quentin. He provided the officers with gloves and told them that Bruce was seropositive. It's not attempted homicide. Bruce told them that he was HIV-positive," Shutz said. ▼

## Bau Wows Lawyers

### Recognized for HIV Immigration Work

by Dennis Conkin

Gay civil rights attorney Ignatius Bau is this year's recipient of the 4th annual Phillip Burton Immigration Award and Civil Rights Award for Lawyering.

The award is bestowed yearly by the Immigration Legal Resource Center.

"The ILRC honors Ignatius as the driving force behind many efforts for a fairer immigration policy toward HIV-positive persons. He has persisted in forcing the issue of HIV exclusion locally, nationally, and internationally," ILRC spokesperson Ed Patuto said in a press statement announcing the award.

A staff attorney with the Lawyer's Committee For Urban Affairs, Bau is active with the AIDS Legal Referral Pan-

el and the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition; he also serves as chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project.

"I think it's an award that's not so much for myself but for the work of the Lawyer's Committee as a civil rights organization that's been involved in immigration and refugee issues for the last 11 years," Bau told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"It's also a recognition of the work of the organization in including lesbians and gays in working with the Lawyer's Committee on broad civil rights issues in the city and state," Bau said.

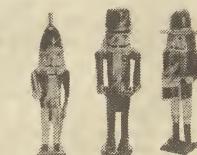
Among those issues were Assemblyman Willie Brown's Omnibus Civil Rights Bill that was passed by the Cali-

fornia Legislature but vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson.

Bau coordinates a weekly immigration clinic supervising 40 volunteers for LCUR and is involved in class action litigation, legislative advocacy, and public education. But he is probably best known for his legal advocacy of Tomas Fabregas, a permanent resident of the United States who challenged federal HIV immigration exclusion rules in July by announcing that he was HIV-positive as he reentered the country after the 8th International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam.

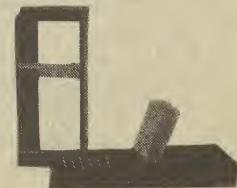
Bau is also the author of *This Ground Is Holy*, a book on the sanctuary movement, and was instrumental in the 1989 passage of the local "City of Refuge" ordinance for immigrants and refugees. ▼

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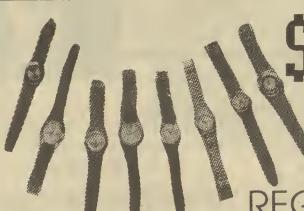
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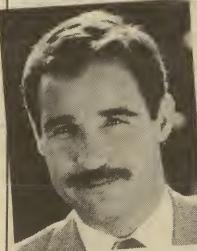
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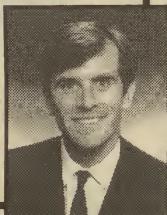
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Community News

# Questionable New Allegations Fly in Fresno Computer Case

by Karen Ocambr

Last March 13 Fresno Police arrested Mark Forston for attempted child molestation and charged the 49-year-old gay man with four felony counts of luring minors onto his gay/lesbian/bisexual computer bulletin board system (BBS) for sexual purposes.

For nine months, Forston and a handful of friends and family have waged a lonely and frustrating fight. Despite his protestations of innocence and his claims of police entrapment, the local media — particularly television — have run dozens of sensational stories of alleged pedophilia and "raw sex" on computers, uncontested accounts of how Fresno Detective Frank Clark posed as a 15-year-old to gain access to Forston's Designer BBS, and unsubstantiated rumors reported as facts.

Forston became, to his shame and disbelief, Fresno's most famous resident. His notoriety was such that other news stories paled: as the small California town was flooded with reports about him, a different local case, involving an elementary school teacher charged with six counts of (heterosexual) child molestation over a period of several years, merited only one minute of local air time for both that arrest and subsequent conviction.

During the first rash of stories Forston sat in jail with no lawyer or other means to defend himself. He soon realized that he could not rely on Fresno's small lesbian/gay community, which might fear being "tainted" by the charges, or outside civil rights attorneys who would require money he doesn't have. (In fact, Forston's face became so well-known since his arrest he is afraid to leave his home. He has abandoned his wallpaper-hanging business, which has forced the proud and sometimes arrogant man to rely on the Social Security incomes of his 93-year-old mother and invalid brother, for whom he has long been the sole caretaker.)

Unfortunately, Forston's public defenders — unlike the prosecution — do not seem to have the computer skills necessary to pursue the case effectively. During Forston's arraignment, for instance, Detective Clark testified that Forston "sent" him "pornographic" pictures. Forston's first public defender, Ralph Torres, was so lacking in computer expertise he did not point out that, as the systems operator, Forston could not "send" Clark anything. The truth, as Clark later admitted, is that he had to initiate several computer commands to "download" the pictures.

Torres, in fact, did not question any of the computer information presented as evidence by Clark, a self-proclaimed computer expert.

Fortunately for Forston, the judge ruled it was impossible to identify who was talking when on the "chat," and since Clark could not verify that it was really Forston on the other end of the computer "chatting" with him when he downloaded the pictures, the "chat" was not admitted into evidence. Nonetheless, a por-



Mark Forston

tion of it wound up in a TV news story, cleaned up and clearly identifying who was speaking.

Computer consultant Dustin Hood finds it disturbing that the police spent six hours in the Forston home before confiscating Forston's computer and printer — supposedly as protected by the first amendment as a printing press — plus his videotape collection, VCR, and television. And, he says, since the police are the only ones with access to the "chat" — which is essentially private computer mail — and since they apparently changed it to clarify for the media who had typed what, the possibility exists that other computer files have been altered as well.

Hood, who is a friend of Forston's, is also troubled that Clark was videotaped telling the fundamentalist "Assembly of God" congregation that he proceeded with the investigation against department wishes that computer bulletin boards are today's "pool halls," and that God's law is superior to man's law. Moreover, both Forston and Hood say they are "concerned" that the police may copy the names of the gay men on Forston's private membership files.

A month after Forston's initial arrest and his expansive public exposure, Eyewitness News reporter Brian Glaser aired a new "exclusive" report that the police were investigating Forston on new charges of "allegedly sodomizing three teenage boys — at least three teenage boys" and would demand that Forston take an AIDS test "while there is no indication or evidence that Forston even has the HIV virus."

Glaser, who had previously glossed over errors and contradictions in his reports when asked about them by the news anchors, now seemed to have the inside track on the Forston story and pursued it so vociferously he frequently turned supposition into fact. Glaser seemed to hit media pay dirt with his "exclusive" interview with the mother of "one of the three teenage boys."

"He told me that Mark Forston had raped him," the unidentified mother told Glaser. The mother said that her son, then 16 years old, met Forston through the computer bulletin board 18 months before Forston's arrest. The police said Forston's communication with the

teenager "included the transmission of nude photographs — photographs used to raise the sexual curiosity of teenagers," Glaser reported. "The police say the 16-year-old went to Forston's home to discuss computers and manhood," he continued. "Forston is accused of locking the boy in a bedroom and Forston is accused of portraying himself as a killer — threatening the boy to have sex. ... The boy's mother says the alleged sexual assault has scarred her son for life."

On April 7 Forston was detained after the mother and her son filed charges. He was held in the general population of the Fresno jail for 48 hours, 24 of which he went unfed. Forston claims he was not formally arrested at that time, nor was he read his Miranda rights, nor was he allowed to contact his court-appointed public defender.

Meanwhile Glaser got the "exclusive" on Forston's second stint in jail, and later reported on "accused child molester Mark Forston's" release. Forston was on the lam, Glaser insinuated, with police "looking down toward Mexico" and the mother and son now asking for police protection.

In yet another Glaser "exclusive," Forston's 18-year-old unidentified accuser told his story. Glaser reported that Forston "lured" the teenager to his home "on the premise that Forston would pay the boy to fix a computer. When he arrived, the boy says he was attacked."

"[Forston] locked the door," the teenager told Glaser. "He told me to take off my clothes. He took off his clothes. He was standing there naked and he physically threatened me. He held me down on the bed and kicked me and touched me and fondled me and then..."

The boy, Glaser picked up the story, "accuses Forston of forcing him to submit to anal sex. The boy says he remained silent about the alleged attack for 18 months until he saw news reports about Forston's arrest. The boy points to repeated razor marks on his arms as evidence of suicide attempts triggered by intense depression ignited by the alleged rape — a rape the boy believes is somehow tied to Forston's alleged belief in Satanic worship."

"[Forston] was into tarot cards," the teenager told (Continued on page 28)

## CUAV Safety Watch

# The Speaker's Bureau

Compiled by CUAV Staff

**C**ommunity United Against Violence's Speakers Bureau, at 13 years, is the oldest of the agency's programs — in fact, it was founded by active and concerned volunteers before CUAV itself was founded. As CUAV became a full-fledged agency, the Speakers Bureau was merged with existing agency programs.

The Speakers Bureau is one of the cornerstones of CUAV's violence prevention and education programs, and has a large and loyal group of volunteers supporting it. CUAV and the Speakers Bureau always need more volunteers, however. In order to give readers and members of our community an opportunity to get an "insider's" view of the Speakers Bureau, what follows is one volunteer's experience as a volunteer speaker.

### One volunteer's story

"When I was in college, I was active in the lesbian and gay campus group. One day I saw a flyer that announced that CUAV was holding a training for volunteer speakers to speak to high school students about being lesbian or gay. I thought it might be fun — and definitely worthwhile — so I signed up."

"I thought standing up in front of a room full of young people and talking about my experiences as a lesbian might save one lesbian or gay teenager from suicide. Or, by being myself and letting people see me as a living, breathing human being *and* a lesbian, I might just prevent one bashing as well. Plus, I'm from L.A., so any chance I get to talk about myself is fun!"

"In the training, I learned some facts that validated my belief that what I was doing was right. I learned that one third of all teen suicides are suspected to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual youth. I also learned that CUAV receives well over 400 reports of bashings per year and 50 percent of them are perpetrated by youth under the age of 21 — mostly high school age youth."

"After the eight-hour training, I spent one hour in a high school classroom observing experienced speakers make their presentation. The following week, I was matched up with an experienced speaker and found myself standing in front of 30 students at Lincoln High School. This was the real deal!"

"I was a little nervous at first, but I got through the presentation a little wiser and a little clearer about who I am as a lesbian. I also had a blast. That was about ten years ago."

"So, how does a speaking engagement happen? Basically, schools contact CUAV to set up the engagement dates and times. The Speakers Bureau coordinator then calls the volunteer speakers, always one man and one woman, and confirms with them when, how, and where to be. For me, on the day of a gig, I carefully select my clothes — not too butch, not too femme. I decide whether to wear a button or some kind, and of course, I al-

ways brush my teeth twice. Then I'm out the door."

"Now for the gig: my fellow speaker and I are in the class, standing in front of a room full of young people. Some faces look excited, some curious, some a little worried, and of course, some look hostile. After a brief introduction of the agency and a couple of disclaimers to make clear our intentions, the rest of the class time is devoted to allowing the students to ask questions. Usually, about eight or nine hands are flying in the air right away. The students are not shy. Most of the questions focus on the volunteers' families, coming out, and friends. They will always ask about sex, too, so we're trained to handle those questions honestly but delicately. Students also love to see pictures of partners, and of me as a teen when I was first coming out."

### The speaking gig

**Student:** "How did you know you are lesbian or gay?"

**Speaker:** "I've known since I was in junior high. While my friends were having crushes on boys, I was having crushes on girls. When I went to a movie, I always wanted to be making out with a woman, not a guy."

**Student:** "Well, did you tell anyone?"

**Speaker:** "Not at first, but after awhile I did. Many lesbians and gays wait until they are sure who they want to trust before they tell anyone. Coming out can be very difficult and frightening to do."

**Student:** "How did people react when you came out — are they hating you now?"

**Speaker:** "Most of my friends were supportive and some thought I was weird. I did not tell my parents for a few more years."

**Student:** "Did you ever do it with the opposite sex?"

**Speaker:** "No, I never did. I always knew I was attracted to women. Many lesbians and gays do have experiences with the opposite sex, though. We are not lesbian or gay because we had bad relationships with the opposite sex."

**Student:** "But don't you want kids?"

**Speaker:** "Many lesbians and gays do become parents. In fact, lesbians and gays can make great parents!"

"The questions frequently sound just like that. Many questions are often full of stereotypes such as: 'Do all gay men wear dresses?' 'Don't you want to be normal?' 'Do you feel like a traitor to your racial group?' 'What can two lesbians do in bed?' 'What do you think of the two gay guys on *In Living Color*?' 'Who plays the man and who plays the woman?'

"As you can see, the gig can be quite rich and engaging. The Speakers Bureau speaks to over 3,500 people every year and presently has about 60 active volunteers. If this sounds like something you would like to do and be a part of, give Sylvia a call at CUAV. She's from L.A. too and has all the answers! I love being a speaker. I think you would, too!"

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## National News

# Lube-Resistant Plastic Condoms May Get FDA Approval Soon

United Press International

A Miami, Florida, company announced November 24 it had reached an agreement to acquire a company whose plastic condom is pending federal approval.

Canaveral International Corp. signed an agreement to acquire Aukland Medical Plastics Inc. for \$1.5 million in cash, plus royalties and other consideration, with Aukland intended to head up Canaveral's medical division.

Aukland owns and controls a patent for a revolutionary polyurethane plastic with the trade name "Aukuflex," which Canaveral officials view as a replacement for many products currently manufactured from latex.

Aukland is expecting FDA approval on its polyurethane condom.

Officials tout the Aukuflex condom as three times more tear resistant than ordinary condoms, while being only one half the thickness. The result, company officials said, is a condom that is more sensitive, odorless, non-porous, resistant to solvent and oil attack, and is priced at or below prices for latex condoms.

Company surveys indicate that 80 percent of couples who normally use condoms prefer the Aukuflex condom.

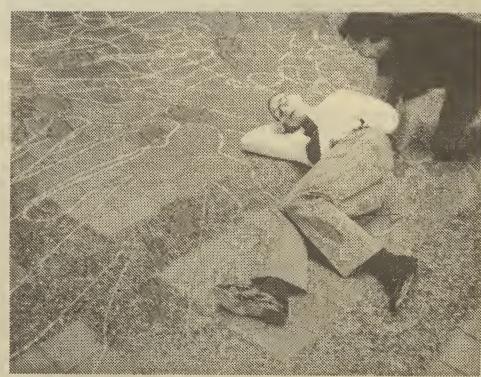
The condom market is perhaps the most dynamic growth market throughout

the world. Sales of condoms in countries such as Germany and England have increased by rates of 50 to 300 percent over the past two years.

In addition, the demand for condoms in the Third World and less developed countries, including China and the former Soviet Union, has exceeded the existing supply. The condom market in the United States alone,

which accounted for over \$500 million in 1990, was over \$1 billion in 1992 and is expected to continue to grow.

Aukland is currently planning to purchase a facility in Pensacola, Florida to manufacture its condoms. The company estimates that it will produce and distribute 50 million condoms at 60 cents per condom in its first year of production. ▼



### Day Without Art

Artist Rudy Lemcke outlines Richard Dawes, president of the board of trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, in Hearst Court of the DeYoung Museum as part of World AIDS Day and Day Without Art December 1. The chalk outlines represent people who have died of AIDS and complement Lemcke's steel garden "Immemorial."

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## Editorial

### With Enemies Like These

There are those who believe that Anita Bryant is, with the possible exception of Harvey Milk, the greatest booster of lesbian and gay rights America has ever known.

Oh, sure, she's a homophobic shithead who has apparently deleted all references to judging not from her bible (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 14:10, etc., etc., etc.), but the fact is she really did make a difference in our struggle for recognition.

It's sad that it takes a blitheringly idiotic former beauty queen to make America notice the inequities that exist for lesbians and gays, but that is exactly what happened when Bryant started her legendary anti-gay campaign. We got afraid; angry; mobilized. Closet doors came down. Signs went up. Discussions ensued. Things got better, much to Bryant's dismay. (At least, they got better for us. She lost her lucrative orange juice account and became a bigger has-been than ever.)

Now we have another Anita Bryant, bigger and stronger than before: Colorado.

What is happening there now is reminiscent of what happened in Dade County, Florida, whence Bryant burst forth fully blown in 1977. In the ensuing 15 years, our enemies have grown stronger — but so have we. The bigots have managed to force an entire state to codify prejudice, but even in victory they must know they cannot win the greater fight. Bryant managed to get her point of view backed by a majority of voters, too, but look where she is now.

The reaction to Colorado's Amendment 2 has its mayors and other elected officials desperately trying to get it overturned — preferably in time to salvage the winter tourist season, since more and more potential visitors to the state are turning their eyes elsewhere.

We can only hope that when the damage is finally assessed, the bill for it all will go to the Coloradans for Family Values, which sponsored the hateful amendment. And we hope that the bill is itemized, so that it will include more than the monetary cost to the state: we hope the residents also tote up the human cost to those who have felt the upturn in anti-gay violence, plus the social and spiritual costs of mandating hate.

We look for a strong and overwhelming rebuke from those Coloradans who have *real* family values.

### Colorado — For Example

Meanwhile, as tourists turn their eyes elsewhere, so do the bigots. Heartened by their successful pandering to fear and ignorance in Colorado, they have gone on a death march to the four corners of this country, hoping to foist their brand of hatred on any community that will allow it.

Lesbians and gays in Washington state have already gone on the offensive against the bigots, with billboards warning the population to expect a siege from the morons in Oregon who unsuccessfully tried to get a similar measure passed there; elsewhere, the gay community holds its collective breath to see where the fundies will file their petitions.

That's why it's so important that Colorado be punished. If other localities see in concrete terms that no good can come from hate-mongering ballot measures, they are much less likely to support them.

Perhaps if Colorado had defeated Amendment 2 the eyes of the world would be off the bigots, allowing them free reign to skulk about with their nasty little petitions. As it stands now, wherever they go to set up their hate outposts, they have to answer the question, "What's happening in Colorado?" And they know the answer to that. It's a wreck.

Perhaps in a year, in the pantheon of great boosters of gay rights, Anita Bryant will be only the second-best (a position she should be used to by now). Colorado may be our finest hour, the place where our community stood up and demanded that which we deserve.

As Winston Churchill said, when his country was being attacked by bigots not too unlike the Colorado forces, "We shall go on to the end ... we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength ... whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills."

"We shall never surrender." ▼



### Guest Opinion

by Laura Siegel

I recently read a letter to Ann Landers by a gay man, "Sabotaged in Calgary," who said that the "effeminate, limp-wristed, nasal voice queens" made it bad for all those "normal" homosexuals in suits and ties.

I am the mother of a gay man and a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). I applaud the diversity in the gay community and would no more want all gay men to behave the same than I would want to set fashion and grooming standards for the average heterosexual teenager.

Purple hair and mohawks don't hurt anyone anymore than do make-up, dresses and panty hose. The only one hurt is the individual so uncomfortable with his own identity that he wants to pigeonhole everyone he knows into his own pre-conceived value system. Make everyone alike (like yourself) and how can you fault yourself?

I remember when my son was 16 and shaved his head. Our family went to a friend's son's bar mitzvah together. This was slightly after the age of Hair when parents became hysterical because their sons were growing their hair long. Schools were sending boys home. Parents were throwing them out. Frankly, I preferred my son's naturally auburn hair but I saw it as a harmless expression — a playing around with his identity. Another time, more recently, our family went to Christmas Eve dinner with my son who was in drag. To tell the truth, I preferred his long black hair and white lace dress to his shaved head. It was fun to let go, be tolerant and share in his experience.

At PFLAG meetings we see men with baritone voices and soprano voices. We see men in straight suits and leather. When my own son told me he was gay at age 19, he said, "Now I can stop lowering my voice. Now I can relax my shoulders." No one should have to live his life in someone else's image.

Last year, PFLAG received a letter from a concerned parent. He lived in Oregon and wanted us to discourage the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Committee from allowing men and women in the parade to wear outlandish attire (or no attire). He had seen the Oregon Citizens Alliance propaganda and didn't want gay life portrayed in this manner. While I appreciate his protective instincts, I vehemently disagree with any censorship of this sort. The right wingers will always find a way to hate and point a finger. It is not the gay community's job to cower and meet their negative standards.

I love the flamboyance of gay pride parades and gay festivals. Actually, when my own son marched with us one year in a dress, his brother was relieved. Now it was obvious which one was the gay man and which one the straight.

For some men, dressing up is no different than Mardi Gras where straight men are allowed to be as outlandish as they like. For others wearing feminine clothing and make-up is a self-expression that they say began at a young age.

Why can't we just let people be individuals? Why must we be so threatened? Dresses don't kill or hurt. Hatred does. Hatred and ignorance kills many young people who feel ostracized because they are different. Gay men who dress and speak effeminate are not "lunatics, extremists and nut cases," as Ann Landers said in her support of "Sabotaged." They are people being themselves and enjoying life.

I feel a great deal of compassion for "Sabotaged." It's not easy living in a world that tries to make you the same and robs you of your individuality. I would have him call the national PFLAG number, 1-800-FAMILY and ask for the chapter in his area. We would be glad to listen to what keeps him in the closet. We know, it's a very claustrophobic place to be. ▼

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## Letters

### Sigh of Relief

Why all the fuss about homosexuals in the military? In the past 50 years, about 3 million have served, completing their tours of duty or, as many hundreds of thousands have done, gone on to retire after 20 or more years of honorable service. During this time, about 100,000 were detected and booted out in disgrace and dishonor. Even then, about 90,000 of them were detected by unscrupulous means of interrogation by military intelligence agents and were discharged because of their sexual orientation, not their sexual misconduct.

Let's get down to the basic facts. Our homosexual service members have done a great job, considering the pressure that they are required to live under. They have never been, or will ever have, an adverse effect on good conduct or military discipline. The admirals and generals feel free to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater when discussing homosexuals, but they whisper when the hundreds of thousands of heterosexual indiscretions take place (i.e., Tailhook and other sexual scandals). They remember only too well their own younger, riotous years.

When President-elect Clinton lifts the ban ... You will not hear the explosion of a "Mardi Gras" type of coming out by the homosexual members of the service. The only sound you will hear is a "sigh of relief" now that their private lives are protected by the President of the United States. All that our gay service members want is their privacy.

Chuck Schoen  
Nice (Clear Lake), CA

### Queer Scouts Say Thanks

Queer Scouts wishes to take this time to applaud all those who have joined us in sending the message to the Boy Scouts of America that their bigotry is unacceptable and to the Bank of America that their corporate support of these bigots has its consequences. Thanks to those who have come to our demonstrations and put our stickers up; who came to testify at the school board meeting that resulted in the Scouts' ultimate eviction; who stopped contributing to the United Way because of their support for the Scouts; who individually took a stand and removed their accounts from the BofA in spite of the lines of "non-political" patrons of the Bank who still use the BofA in the Castro.

Our unity on this issue in the last year and a half and the progress we've made continues to send an unequivocal message to bigots everywhere from the Boy Scouts to the Republican Party, to corporate giants, that when we want to, we can speak loudly and effect change. We empowered other queers to launch similar battles in Hawaii, Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburgh and San Diego. By continuing to focus on one of the core symbols of "traditional family values" we have compelled others to evaluate their own association with the Boy Scouts and those who support them. This has led not only to Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss withdrawing their support for the Scouts, but police departments cancelling their affiliations with the Scouts' Explorer programs.

Perhaps more importantly, we have proven to ourselves that we are not powerless in our constant war to fight institutionalized homophobia whether we are fighting an 81-year-old organization like the Scouts or a corporate giant like BofA. The war goes on ...

Queer Scouts  
"We Love CAMP"  
San Francisco

### Support Colorado Gays

I am sure by now that you have heard of the passing of Amendment 2 and rumors of a Colorado boycott. However, the boycotts are not planned to hurt the gay or gay supportive communities of Colorado. The gay business community of Colorado is in the process of compiling a list of businesses, hotels, air lines, tour operators and others who are non-discriminatory. These persons will be asked to sign non-discriminatory pledges. This boycott is not meant to hurt everyone, only those who discriminate. It is my hope that your readers will make responsible choices as to how they spend their monies, not only in Colorado, but in all states until a national gay rights law is passed.

There are still many important events happening in Colorado that need the support of not only our community, but the community as a whole. Such an event is the "Little Drummer Boy" weekend, Dec. 4-6. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Colorado AIDS Project.

Bart Plumley  
Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy 1992-93  
Denver, CO

### Question the Religious Right

The gay, lesbian and bisexual communities need to adopt a different perspective on, and strategy against, the attacks and hostility emanating from the religious right.

Our objective should not be to trash those we perceive as bigots; instead, we should use every op-

portunity to elicit from them, the underlying principles of their arguments against us and then show the natural, inevitable progression of their reasoning.

We know there are many careers and professions which, according to the religious right, should not be open to the gay community. We should ask our opponents to enumerate specifically what jobs they think gays, lesbians and bisexuals should be permitted to hold, without objection from the religious right and their allies.

Then we should pose this question: since gays will consciously be denied their "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" by severely limiting their access to gainful, satisfying work opportunities, and, since the religious right also wants to make gays ineligible for such things as governmental grants (N.E.A. for example), and, since gays should not have explicit government protection against employment and housing discrimination, then isn't it logical and just that the gay community should be exempt from all income, sales and property taxes since we will not be eligible to participate in our national life in the manner or to the extent that other citizens are?

Since the religious right believes that AIDS is "God's punishment" for gay behavior, we should ask them if they, therefore, oppose efforts at finding a cure since any remedial effort seeks to thwart the will of God?

By asking these questions and eliciting from the religious right the full scope of their beliefs, we will dramatically expand our circle of allies beyond what would otherwise develop simply as a consequence of protesting and haranguing the religious right as mean-spirited bigots — because the fullness of their perspective is dangerous not just to the gay community but to everyone unlucky enough to be less than perfect moral beings.

Ernie Lazar  
San Francisco

### Send Message to Clinton

Clinton is probably receiving thousands of letters, wires and faxes from fundamentalist church members and others critical of the president-elect's policy on recognition of gays in the military. It seems critical to me that Clinton now receive encouragement and support from the millions of gay and lesbian Americans who voted for him in the presidential election. Letters and messages of support will help confirm the correctness of his decision and assure him that the policy is supported by a large and vocal segment of the American electorate.

I hope that the B.A.R. in forthcoming issues will encourage its readers to make their views known again and again to the president-elect and to appropriate members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

Chal Cochran  
San Francisco

### Thanks for Supporting Benefit

Just a short letter to thank the women and men in our leather community for the great show of support on Nov. 20 at my benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund at the SF-Eagle.

I particularly wish to thank the entertainers who gave their time and talent without hesitation: Rich Davis, Victor Victor and of course, our beloved Rainbeau. I thank the six friends who allowed me to have them auctioned off for dinner dates: Matthew Joseph, Erskine Wood, Gary France, Art Tomaszewski, Emerson Briney and, once again, Rainbeau. Special thanks to my guest auctioneers IML Lenny Broberg and IML Blair. As usual, they never say no when needed to help our fight for dignity for PWAs.

I thank all the people who donated goods and services to this event; I urge you all to support the people who support us. We cannot fight this fight without the support and outpouring of care we are so blessed to receive from our community!

Again, thanks to the staff at the Eagle, the beverage pourers, volunteers, caterers Ed Guerrero and Lupe, and all of you who attended this event. Have a safe and joyful holiday season!

Irwin Kane  
San Francisco Leather Daddy X

### Well Meaning People

I feel that Mr. Marcus' comments in his column of Nov. 12 regarding the memorial service for Coulter Thomas at Grace Cathedral: "Well-meaning people decided they know better" was uncalled for. Mr. Marcus may be unaware of this, but Coulter told a very dear person close to him that he would not mind his friends having a memorial service for him. Mr. Marcus should get his facts straight before he puts them on paper.

Sam Glenn  
Richmond, CA

Mr. Marcus responds: True. Although I am unaware of any private conversations Coulter allegedly had, I do have in Coulter's own writing, that he did not want a memorial service after his death. His explicit instructions were for a "party" and his long-time friends did as he wished. There are always two sides to every story.

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## Letters

Dear Mr. Governor

The following letter was sent to Governor Roy Romer, State of Colorado, Denver:

I am writing to voice my disgust and dismay at the 53 percent of your constituency who have passed Amendment 2. That this number of people can hold such bigoted opinions, blind hatred and unjustified fear, is a crime against humanity as a whole.

The sheer unconstitutionality of Amendment 2, along with its ramifications, is cause for alarm from every level-headed and sensible person in the country and in the world.

I plan on keeping every dollar, both gay and straight, both tourist and corporate — as far away from the Colorado state line as possible. This also includes people transiting Denver Stapleton Airport, depriving your state of the \$3 Passenger Facility Charge and the \$2 Airport Surcharge. I work for one of the largest travel agencies in America and my colleagues and I are personally united against this measure.

Every individual client I can re-direct to another state will cost your state hundreds of dollars. Every group or convention I can re-direct will cost your state thousands. Furthermore, there are hundreds of travel agents who have clients and groups who can be persuaded to find an alternate destination. This will cost your state millions in both gay and straight dollars.

I hear many people are angry, disgusted and shocked by the passage of Amendment 2. I hear much talk of fear of traveling to Colorado now that hate has been passed into law. I see various companies, individuals and even some city governments voicing their objections to Amendment 2, by participating in this boycott. Finally, I see people realizing that bigotry and hatred will no longer be tolerated, nor will we, as a responsible populace, support any entity that condones it. If this means instating a boycott of an entire state, we will. And have.

David E. Campbell  
San Francisco

### Equality — Nothing More, Nothing Less

The following letter was sent to President-elect Bill Clinton, Little Rock, Arkansas:

As a gay man, I voted for you because you not only actually said the words "gay" and "lesbian" several times during your campaign, you also acknowledged our presence as people who are important to you as some of your personal friends and as fellow Americans. I voted for you, because you clearly prioritized AIDS/HIV as a public health crisis that deserves cabinet-level leadership, as an aggressive advocate of education to reduce risk and as a compassionate and articulate voice for non-judgemental funding and care for those struggling with this illness.

I expect you to rescind the ban on gay folks in the military; please continue to cite the incredible cost of discharging lesbians/gays and that the Dutch, Canadian, Israeli and nearly all of the NATO member countries' armies (excluding the U.K.) have openly gay people serving without problems. Any other excuse is homophobic and to expect gay folks to measure to some different standard of conduct is simply unjust. Mandatory education to counter homophobic socialization will be necessary and should be required of all military personnel entering or presently serving.

I expect you to lift the ban on immigrants with HIV/AIDS, since it is not medically necessary nor rationally based. I also expect you to continue to build an administration that reflects the composition of America's diversity, including appointing qualified gay people to administrative positions.

Please stand uncompromisingly on your well-articulated principles of fairness and equality for all of us. The gay and lesbian communities in the United States who voted 94 percent for the Democratic ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore (according to exit polls in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco), will be watching and holding firm to our expectation that you will forcefully advocate for our constitutional rights of equal protection and individual liberty. We seek equality — nothing more and nothing less. Thank you.

Jim Lovett  
San Francisco

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Duff Budland  
San Francisco

### Stop Smokers

There is a restaurant on Castro Street that serves very good food, but because of the smokers who insist on lighting up, we often have to avoid the restaurant and go elsewhere.

Smokers are the most irritating people when it comes to trying to enjoy a meal. If you notice, smokers never light up while they're eating, but they'll get that cigarette out on their last bite, light it and blow their stench in the faces of those still trying to enjoy their meal. If they're without an ash tray, they'll drop the ashes right in their leftover food. It's disgusting. They are the most inconsiderate people on the planet. It's time that someone invent a product with a scent equivalent to someone passing gas (call it "Fresh Fart") so non-smokers can spray the can of Fresh Fart in the face of smokers to give them an idea of what they're blowing in the non-smoker's faces.

It's also curious that employers will not hire known drug addicts. Yet, employers hire legal drug addicts every day because smokers are drug addicts — they are addicted to the drug nicotine. Smokers don't like being called drug addicts, but it's time to tell it like it is. Nicotine and alcohol are the two top drugs killing off our society today.

The City of Berkeley and parts of Marin County just passed ordinances banning smoking in all restaurants (and other places). It's time that our San Francisco Board of Supervisors got off the pot and had the wherewithal to give progressive San Francisco a non-smoking ordinance, and all those in favor of such please contact board members. Smokers trot out their rights, but no one has the right to kill another human being especially by blowing toxic tobacco smoke in one's face, and it is now scientifically proven that second-hand smoke kills. So that argument is moot. This is an issue that will only be solved by passing a law to get these drug addicts to get a grip on their problems and not smoke in restaurants or by having restaurant owners take a stand to make their restaurant a non-smoking establishment. Who will be the first in the Castro?

Mike Moran  
San Francisco

### Castro Village Pharmacy

I'm writing to tell you about my first experience with the new Castro Village Pharmacy. I went in to have them fill an extremely expensive prescription, and was pleasantly surprised to find that Castro Village Pharmacy would bill my insurance company directly. Walgreen's had always made me pay for the prescriptions myself, and fill out my own paperwork for reimbursement. On top of that my prescription was filled in minutes, not hours, and the Pharmacist was genuinely interested in my health. He made sure I knew how to take the drug, as it was new to me, and even gave me a computer print out on drug interactions and side effects. As I looked around the store I noticed a bulletin board with information on Women's health, Youth issues, and HIV information. I left feeling that I had found a business that truly cares about our community. I plan on buying not only my prescriptions, but my toothpaste, soap, and aspirin there as well, and I urge everyone to do the same. Castro Village Pharmacy is not just another business, they are truly a service to the community.

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# Appoint Of View

The biggest and most talked-about game in Washington these days is guessing who President-elect Bill Clinton will name to his cabinet and other top-level government jobs, especially since a few appointments are expected this week. Little else is being talked about in D.C. now, and with the Democrats finally taking over after watching 12 years of Reagan-Bush appointees run the show, the anticipation is reportedly running at a fever pitch.

One of the most promising rumors out of Washington is that Dr. C. Everett Koop, the Surgeon General under Reagan who was dumped from that job by Bush, is being seriously considered by Clinton for the newly created "AIDS czar" post; Dr. David Kessler, the current head of the Food and Drug Administration, is said to be lobbying some of his Democratic friends in the Senate to influence Clinton for that job as well, but both Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore are thought to be leaning toward Koop.

Look for Arkansas Senator David Pryor, Clinton's closest friend in the Senate, to become secretary of agriculture in the Clinton administration; Wyoming Governor Mike Sullivan, a close friend and early supporter of the President-elect will reportedly be offered the secretary of the interior post, and New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, a former pro-basketball player astute in economics, is said to be high on the list as the next treasury secretary, although another senator, Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, is also thought to be pushing for that post. Politically, the fact that Bentsen's help failed to carry Texas for Clinton in the November election (he couldn't even help four years ago when he was Dukakis' veep running mate) will do little for the aging senator's prospects.

One of the more watched-for appointments in the new Clinton administration will be that of secretary of defense: Georgia Senator Sam Nunn, chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and once thought to be the leading candidate for the job (he has publicly said he would like the post), effectively took himself out of consideration when he made the mistake of going on television last week to announce he opposes Clinton's much-publicized intention to lift the ban against gays and lesbians in the military; now you can pretty much scratch Sam Nunn for the job.

Clinton has publicly stated that he intends to give his administration something of a non-partisan look, and former New Jersey Governor Tom Kean, a moderate pro-gay Republican, is thought to have the inside track as secretary of education.

Next door to New Jersey, of course, is New York, where Governor Mario Cuomo looks destined for the Supreme Court. It would rank as a brilliant Clinton appointment, and you can expect it to happen when the first Court vacancy comes along.



Clinton has pledged to bring women and minorities into his administration, and he started off by appointing Vernon Jordan, a prominent black Washington attorney as head of the transition team. Marian Wright, a black woman who is currently president of the Children's Defense Fund, and a close personal friend of Hillary Clinton, is now said to be high on the "short list" to become secretary of health and human services, a post now held by the controversial, conservative Dr. Louis Sullivan, an enemy of the gay/lesbian community who did little in the field of fighting AIDS other than to take his marching orders from George Bush — who, of course, cared even less about the epidemic.

Now that Washington is abuzz with appointment rumors, the parlor game has reportedly even extended to various state capitals; as one "insider" put it, "anyone holding office in a state that Clinton carried last month" thinks he or she is most certainly on the administration list, adding "it's crazy - the staff chatter on the Hill and at cocktail parties is beyond belief." Thousands of resumes have reportedly been sent to Little Rock, but as one Clinton aide put it, "if you're really serious, you don't need paper" because cause reportedly only a handful now know who gets appointed to what, and they aren't talking. Who are these people? Clinton himself, of course; Warren Christopher, the transition director; Vernon Jordan; Al Gore; Bruce Lindsey, a longtime close personal friend of Clinton's who has reportedly been offered the post as White House chief of staff; and, yes, Hillary Clinton.

These are the people, and supposedly the only people, who know who the new president plans to appoint. And, as of yet, these people aren't talking.

Oh, and one last appointment story: Washington wags are certain that after a few months in forced retirement, George Bush will accept an offer to become the next president at Yale University.

## Politics and people

Many people are endorsing the Colorado boycott, the impact of which is already taking its toll on the state (report-

edly costing \$10 million so far), as other big names are urging that money be raised to fight the anti-gay Amendment 2 passed by Colorado voters November 3rd; Aspen resident Martina Navratilova says she "urges people to send money to the town of Aspen earmarked for its fight" against the amendment. Barbra Streisand, one of Hollywood's most powerful women, is still urging her friends — many who have homes in the ski resort areas — to avoid Colorado, but she did say this week that "I have not actually endorsed a boycott; the people I know who live in Colorado are contemplating many strategies; I will respect whichever they feel is most effective." Meanwhile, another big-name celeb, singer Cher (who publicly supported Ross Perot for president, incidentally) was complaining this week that a boycott was not the way to go; said she: "In a boycott of Aspen, you are actually steering business away from a town that supports human rights for all. You're lashing out at the wrong target." (Got any better ideas, Cher? And who might the right target be?)

With Dianne Feinstein taking the GOP-held Senate seat in California, and a Republican beating a Democratic incumbent last week in Georgia, the U.S. Senate make-up in the new 103rd Congress that convenes January 5 is exactly as it was prior to the November election: 58 Democrats and 42 Republicans. On January 20 Bill Clinton becomes the nation's 42nd president, but Al Gore will be the 45th vice president. As Democrats regain the White House, the new Congress will have the largest group of black and Hispanic members ever: 38 House members (up from 25) and one senator (Carol Moseley Braun, D-Ill.); six additional Hispanic members were elected last month, bringing their number to 17.

Speaking of Feinstein: when Washington party giver Pamela Harriman hosted a recent party for the president-elect and his wife at her Georgetown home, the fight was on to get invited, and one D.C. columnist said that the biggest attention-getter there next to Clinton was our very own Dianne; "she's definitely

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**Holding On to Our Heroes**

by Nancy Boutilier

Each step of the Harvey Milk Memorial March, every panel of the NAMES Project quilt, all the services performed and the songs written for those who have moved us to where we are now — every day gives us reason to remember and cause to move ahead.

There is a sense of irony in the fact that I learned of the passing of both Audre Lorde and Melvin Dixon in the very same week that Spike Lee's *Malcolm X* arrived in American theaters. In this country, which gives scant attention to those African Americans who challenge the oppression of their people, it has taken 30 years since Malcolm X's assassination for Hollywood to recreate the myth, if not the man.

We must do better than Hollywood.

We have lesbian and gay African-American heroes challenging homophobia in their communities of color and fighting racism in our lesbian and gay communities, and we shouldn't wait 30 years after they are gone to consider their words.

Audre Lorde and Melvin Dixon are two writers whose words have changed the way I look at the world. Fortunately, their words live on my shelves.

Audre Lorde and Melvin Dixon — both professors, poets, novelists, people of vibrant passions, unyielding determination, and tremendous courage — whose words of righteous anger were never far from words of love.

It was Lorde's essays that helped me understand the interconnectedness of oppressions, and I urge any who question the validity of racism and sexism as planks on the path of gay liberation to seek out her work. Her poetry has been life's bread.

In the poem "Coal," Lorde writes Love is a word, another kind of open/ As the diamond comes/ into a knot of flame/ I am Black/ because I come from the earth's inside/ take my word for jewel/ in the open light.

In this past week of Thanksgiving, I've been re-reading her work, taking her words for jewels and thankful that I have found it in the open light of my lifetime.

This time of Thanksgiving has also reminded me how fortunate I am to have been present at Dixon's address to participants in OutWrite '92, the national lesbian and gay writers conference, last spring in Boston.

Dixon challenged the OutWrite audience to consider the difference between endings and closure. Unlike an ending, which terminates, closure, according to Dixon, "includes the will to remember, the will to pull together the disparate threads and endow them with some meaning."

So it has been my job this past week to pull threads together and remember. And I haven't minded curling up with their words to do it, because it's the words, after all, that have touched me.

I'll never forget Dixon acknowledging, "I may not be able to attend this conference next year, but I'll be somewhere listening for my name" and then concluding, "You,



A Celebration of the Spirit of Audre Lorde was held November 29 at Modern Times Bookstore. On hand to remember the poet were many people who performed songs and read passages in Lorde's memory. The event was sponsored by ACHE. Above, the audience sings, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine."

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

then, are charged by the possibility of your health, happiness, and the broadness of your vision to remember us."

Since Hollywood won't make our heroes — at least not for now — we must, by our memories and the broadness of our vision, hold on to our heroes and share them with others.

I was still a Billie Jean King fan when Martina Navratilova defected to this country. Billie Jean was wearing electric blue Adidas and

poor sniveling palimony plunger (who is now living with Martina's other ex-girlfriend, the one whose book made the tennis tour sound nasty and back-biting). I bet she would have given the stuff away just to spite Martina. A \$46,000 dining set brought a whopping \$6,500, a heart-shaped necklace that retailed for \$12,000 went for \$3,250, and a pair of \$37,000 earrings fetched only \$12,500.

To top it off, Nelson called the sale a way to *trim the fat* from her years with Martina.

I don't even want to think what some of my ex-girlfriends would do to "trim the fat" from our time together. It would be a garage sale from hell.

Hey, anyone interested in my ex-girlfriend's toothbrush? It retailed for \$2.75, but I'll let it go for a buck. How about this do-it-yourself tattoo kit for \$6.99? I'll let you have these "hers and hers" towels, cheap, and I'll even throw in a pair of dirty underwear... Oh, and here's her favorite labrys sweatshirt and the teddy bear that helped her overcome her fear of the dark. Her mother gave it to her when she was four — I hid them the day she came to get her stuff. Oh, you like my ring? She gave it to me on our anniversary. I'll give you the bear and the ring for, let's see, \$8. The ring alone is worth \$450.00.

Enough, I say!

Maybe there's a few lessons in here for us all. First, beware of married women from Texas who send you their picture claiming to be madly in love with you. Second, if you win Wimbledon, don't share a lawyer with your lover — get your own. Third, if you're the most widely known lesbian on this planet, find yourself someone who'll love you for who you are and not what you have.

Martina deserves better than an auction. It's time to launch an international search for a woman who will do right by her. She's out there fighting our battles, following her conscience about as faithfully as anyone I know, growing all along the way. She has made every sports page in America acknowledge her lesbianism — including Sports Illustrated — and often they have done so gracefully.

In this season of Thanksgiving, it seems right to publicly thank her by putting out the call for her. If her lawsuit succeeds, we'll need to find someone willing to move to Aspen. If the lawsuit fails, Martina will be looking to relocate anyway. ▼

# House, Senate Get NGLTF Report Cards

by Cliff O'Neill

**WASHINGTON** — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has released its biannual "report cards" on Congress, revealing a House and Senate seemingly opposed to most issues of concern for the gay and lesbian community.

The voting record survey for the 102nd Congress counted ballots taken in the House and Senate in 1991 and 1992 on a wide array of issues. Matters voted on in this Congress ranged from HIV testing of health care workers, to penalties on charities pressuring the Boy Scouts of America to repeal its prohibition on openly gay Scouts and counselors, to continued funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, to a measure gutting the District of Columbia's domestic partnership law.

And while on those roll call votes alone a majority of the House and Senate earned "failing grades" (voting with the Task Force position less than 60 percent of the time), this time grades were brought down yet further by the introduction of another factor.

This year the Task Force factored into its final scores a lawmaker's co-sponsorship (or lack of co-sponsorship) of the federal gay and lesbian rights bill and the Military Freedom Act, which would repeal the Pentagon's ban on gays in the service.

"We made it more difficult for them to receive an 'A,'" said Peri Jude Radecic, chief lobbyist for the Task Force. "We're holding legislators to a higher standard than in the past. People must not only vote with us, but show leadership on our issues. That's why we included co-sponsorship of the Military Freedom Act and the gay rights bill. They have to do more to get an 'A' from this organization, and an 'A' means more than it did before."

The factoring in of the co-sponsorship records was a result of criticism from local gay and lesbian rights activists who attacked previous NGLTF "report cards" for being too charitable towards lawmakers who may vote with gay activists on procedural and legislative matters, but don't co-sponsor their legislation.

This problem became most prominent earlier this year when, during the midst of the New Hampshire presidential primaries, Senators Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) sought to deflect criticism from gay activists by pointing to their 'A' ratings from the Task Force in the 101st Congress.

Both Kerrey and Harkin had flatly refused to become official backers of the gay rights legislation, although Harkin has since become a co-sponsor of the Military Freedom Act.

As a result of factoring in bill co-sponsorship, a large number of pro-gay lawmakers who may have had perfect voting records on gay rights and AIDS, such as Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) and Representative Les Aspin (D-Wisc.),

saw their ratings drop by one letter grade solely based on their non sponsorship of the two bills. Others, including several official backers of the gay rights bill, saw their "grades" suffer dramatically because they were not on the military bill and may have opposed the Task Force position on one procedural vote.

This year, Task Force staffers, as in years past, made no attempt to weigh some votes more than others or to choose only some more telling votes for their analysis.

Similarly, the complete absence of roll call votes on AIDS-specific issues and the disproportionate number of NEA-related votes in the House affected the report cards differently than in years past.

Also unlike previous analyses, the Task Force this year did not count several House and Senate votes on matters such as the federal funding of abortion and a federal civil rights law that did not cover gays and lesbians.

As has been the rule in previous Congresses, lawmakers broke down into several categories, ranging from hardcore supporters of gay and AIDS issues to those adamantly opposed to those same issues.

While relatively few had "perfect" voting records save for co-sponsorship of the two bills, a substantial number of lawmakers split with gays only on the issue of the NEA or only on matters relating to the District of Columbia, both subjects of widespread scorn in the House and Senate.

Examples of these included gay rights bill co-sponsors Representative James Traficant (D-Ohio), who this year became an NEA detractor, and Representative Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), who also only dissented with gays on the NEA. In the Senate, gay rights co-sponsors Senators Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Paul Simon (D-Ill.) suffered in the analysis for a similar Senate NEA vote.

Looking beyond the letter "grades," which have been criticized in some quarters for oversimplifying complex issues, other trends emerge.

In the last Congress several widely popular bills affecting gays and people with AIDS passed with lopsided support from both parties, resulting in inflated records for some lawmakers. In this Congress, however, votes were limited to a number of anti-gay amendments and procedural moves reacting to them. The result: more negative ratings for lawmakers across the board.

Most Republican lawmakers and a large number of rural, suburban and southern Democrats suffered as a result. Examples of this included such disparate lawmakers as Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kans.) and Senator Arlen Specter (R-Penn.) who both scored 'F' despite Dole's zero rating and Specter's score of 27 based on his support on three pivotal gay rights and AIDS issues.

On the Democratic side of the aisle, the late Senator Quentin Burdick (D-N.D.),

who scored a 100 percent in the last Congress, and Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), who received the backing of gay rights groups in his last reelection bid, both scored 'F' like near-zeros Senators Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) and Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), despite several pro-gay votes on particularly divisive issues.

Radecic suggested that the letter ratings are only a tool for gay and lesbian activists on the local level. The difference between a lawmaker who supported the Task Force position 59 percent of the time and one who opposed their stance every time, she said, was a matter solely of concern to journalists.

"I think people who aren't with us at least 50 percent of the time or 60 percent of the time, to me, don't represent the gay and lesbian community very well," she concluded.

"The community's pretty smart," she added. "It's actually the press that pays attention to the 'A, B, C, D, F' stuff. The gay community is much more interested in the percentages. I've yet to have a problem with someone in the community being concerned about the grade, except when people flaunt an 'A' and really don't deserve one. And that's what we're trying to prevent this year." ▼



Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
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# The B.A.R. Contest Winners

In Bay Area Reporter Issue 45, we invited readers to rewrite history — or at least, to rewrite a history-making speech by library commissioner Barbara Rosenberg.

Rosenberg is the one member of the commission to vote against the continued flying of the rainbow flag atop the Harvey Milk Public Library. In doing so, she managed to confuse virtually everyone in attendance with a rambling four-paragraph speech that gave no indication how she intended to cast her vote until she reached her final four words: "I will vote no."

Here, for the record, is the text of her entire speech, exactly as received from the San Francisco Public Library:

"I have no doubt in my mind that this is clearly a legal issue, that we are legally within the opinion able to fly this flag, at least for the time being according to the attorneys.

"A law suit might prove otherwise but, at the mo-

ment it is perfectly legal to fly the flag. The question for me is not the legality, but what do we want to do as a Commission.

"The length of time as a precedent, I don't think can be upheld. We know legally that Brown vs. the School Board desegregation was upheld a long period of time and that was overthrown. We have also been told today that prior to this time the flag has flown without the sanction of any previous committee, if I understand that correctly. So up until this time even though the flag has been flown, whether that's legal or illegal, the previous library Commission took no action.

"If the emblem itself impeded the free flow of information allowed that individual could not obtain gay and lesbian literature and information and anything that the public has a right to know, then I would certainly go otherwise. We are in the midst of planning for a new

public library, we are in the midst of a fund raising campaign, and for once I would like to see us act for the greater good of the city of San Francisco by having a positive and cohesive act for us to act together. In that concept, not in favor of a christian coalition, not as an anti-gay stance, in that spirit I will vote no."

Since Rosenberg is an educated woman — she wrote the B.A.R. to say that she is much more than the wife of the President of Bank of America when we identified her as such, but is in fact an accomplished person in her own right: "life credentialed teacher ... member of the board of the Fort Mason Foundation ... Dr. ... with an advanced degree in Public Administration ... Trustee of Brandeis University ... supporter of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation ..." — we assume she simply put her words into a word processor rather than a word processor and that's why they came out so garbled.

Hence, the contest: We invited our readers to rewrite the final paragraph of the above speech, using as many of her words as possible, and to make some sense of it. Our trained panel of experts would select the winner, based on the number of words used; readability; originality; poise; evening wear; and humor. The winner was eligible to partake of a free Mexican lunch — yes, including the all-important Margarita — in the company of the editor.

I should certainly go lesbian if it got free use of information with us. I would favor the concept that the public has a right to know. For us to have cohesive information with itself not another that plowed a individual and a stance of anything. I would like to see us campaign vote act by coalition act for an emblem with together than and not for the greater good of the city of San Francisco having us once and in their spirit. We are in the midst of planning and fund raising for a new public library positive gay literature. We are in the midst not a christian as the name in

C.J. Patterson cut and pasted Rosenberg's statement that was printed in the B.A.R.

And in that  
not-library-concept  
We are in favor:

In that  
I will VOTE!  
—Wendy Engel

Congratulations, Wendy!

Congratulations also to our  
runners-up, listed here alphabetically:

and lesbian spirit in San Francisco. Know that the new library we are in the midst of raising, and the literature and information we are otherwise to fund, will act together then as an emblem of a city impeded by us. I could certainly go for that concept, for a campaign for having the public obtain no information I would not like that public to see.

—Bradley Rose

I would certainly like having a lesbian in public, in that new library — and a christian coalition are in the midst of us to see! Anything allowed! And that individual and I could then go we together. Free flow! For once I would act as if a gay emblem! An anti-gay spirit (fundraising, literature, the concept itself) has impeded the greater good of the city. The right are in the midst of planning a cohesive "information" campaign — for the public: act not in favor of that information! Not of that! Know to vote no, and to act by, for and of us. For otherwise, San Francisco will not obtain a positive stance.

Signed A Born Arse Grabber (an anagram for "Barbara Rosenberg")

—Ben Schatz

And honorable mentions to the following:

Tom Ace  
Ben Carlson  
Gene Catalano  
Louis G. Ceci  
Rik Isensee  
Gary Menger  
Michael Murphy  
C. J. Patterson  
Garrett Paulus  
Anthony Rhody  
Jeffrey Rapport  
Ivan Raykoff  
Claude Swift  
Dennis Wade

A few final points: Rosenberg's speech was given the evening of October 6, 1992, exactly three years from the night of the infamous Castro sweep; and we at the B.A.R. are damn sorry to see this contest to an end. We've thought of some others — inviting people to name Barbara Bush's new book-in-progress (Pride and Prejudice has been used already, remember) was one idea, and coming up with a way to identify Richard Rosenberg so as to show the Commissioner we meant no sexist ill-will ("Richard Rosenberg, President of Bank of America and husband of Doctor/Trustee/teacher [!] /speech-writer Barbara Rosenberg," for example...) was another — but they weren't as much fun.

So the new contest is to invent a new contest. Entries must be received by December 17 (after which everyone will be too busy doing last-minute holiday shopping to concentrate on games) and the best suggestion for a new contest will, again, break tortillas with the editor. Yes, including a Margarita. ▼

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And the winner is:

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THEN we ARE in the midst of a RAISING for the GREATER GOOD!

I would like to see us act, City of San Francisco, and for once campaign for a new coalition — ANYTHING that individual could obtain that the public has a RIGHT TO KNOW!

Otherwise, I would go for a new public, by having information, and in a positive and cohesive act — planning to act, together : US

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## National News



### Thanksgiving Dinner

More than 2,000 meals were served Thanksgiving Day to people with AIDS and their friends by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Project Open Hand. (Photo: Judi Parks)

## NY School Board Defies Chancellor over Gay Curriculum

United Press International

NEW YORK — Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez, in a letter released November 25, ordered members of a defiant Queens school board to report to his office after school the following Monday. Members of Community School Board 24 in Middle Village were directed to attend a 5 p.m. meeting November 30 to discuss what Fernandez called their repeated failure to submit a curriculum that follows the board's policy on teaching multicultural education, including the gay lifestyle.

Fernandez, in letters sent November 24 to all nine board members, said, "Your district is unique in that at this point it has refused either to implement this curriculum, propose an acceptable alternative, or even allow your district superintendent to accept assistance offered by the deputy chancellor for instruction." Board members were not immediately available for comment.

Fernandez's letter was the latest round in a long-running skirmish over the controversial "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum, aimed at teaching students conflict resolution skills to diffuse bias and discrimination based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or handicap.

On November 9, Fernandez ordered the board to submit a plan based on the proposed curriculum, which the board president did four days later.

But Fernandez said he would not "bother to address the distortion, inaccuracies and invective" that permeated a letter accompanying the plan.

"Your district's proposed curriculum does not recognize in any way that discrimination exists against students, parents or staff based on sexual orientation," Fernandez said in his letter to board members.

"Your district apparently refuses to address this issue at any grade level in elementary school," he said.

Fernandez also said the school board has repeatedly

turned down offers from the central board to provide technical assistance in drafting a proposed curriculum that would satisfy both the concerns of board members and the policy requirements of the chancellor's office.

"A number of districts have developed other methods which have already been approved and I remain open to working with your district as well," Fernandez said. ▼

## Kicking Aspen: Colorado Boycott Continues

by David O'Connor

Aspen Gay Ski Week will go on as planned this winter, despite a called boycott of Colorado that aims to keep all non-residents out of the state. Boycott Colorado organizers say the boycott is gaining support but ski week organizers say shunning Aspen — which has enacted gay rights protections — is not an effective way to protest the anti-gay measure passed last month.

Boycott Colorado said cancellations from a wide range of organizations have cost the state \$10 million in lost revenue so far. The American Foundation for AIDS Research, American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, National Organization for Women and the City of Atlanta are among those who have cancelled trips in protest over voters' approval of a state constitutional amendment banning protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

While it calls on non-residents to avoid the state, Boycott Colorado is encouraging gay and lesbian Coloradans to come out and increase visibility.

"If you don't live in Colorado, don't come to the state that has legalized discrimination," says Terry Schleider of Boycott Colorado. "If you live in the state, go to Aspen, go to Boulder, go to Denver. Support the cities that have supported us in the past."

But Roger Lunt of Aspen

Gay and Lesbian Community, one of the producers of Aspen Gay Ski Week, says the city voted down the amendment proposal by a 3-1 margin. He says any boycott should target conservative Colorado Springs rather than the mountain cities that he says are longtime supporters of gay rights.

"There have been cancellations. We can understand their desire," Lunt says. "People outside of Colorado look at Colorado as this homogeneous thing. But everyone here is pissed off about [the amendment passing]. Everyone is up in arms about it."

Hunt says that the 16th Annual Aspen Gay Sky Week — set for January 23-30 — will include political demonstrations to protest the amendment. The Aspen Peace and Justice Center will host several events, including a candlelight march, and has received backing from the Aspen City Council, Lunt says.

Aspen Mayor John Bennett held a press conference last week to denounce the anti-gay amendment and declare Aspen's intent to help overturn the legislation. Celebrities such as Cher, Regge Jackson, Chris Evert, and John Oates have urged people to attend the ski week.

The event is expected to draw at least 4,000 people. Some of those will be coming from the San Francisco Bay Area.

John Schooler of Skiers and Gay Athletes (SAGA) says that about 48 people from the San Francisco chapter originally had signed up for the trip and half of those have cancelled since the amendment passed. People who cancelled forfeited a \$100 non-refundable charge.

Schooler says that SAGA members decided individually whether to attend the ski week or not.

"The people in Aspen need to change the law along with the rest of Colorado," says Schooler, who is not attending. "As outsiders there's not very much we can do except not go spend our money there. I just personally couldn't justify spending \$50 a day for lodging and \$30 for lift ticket and still feel like I made any kind of protest."

Ron Erickson, president of the SAGA chapter in San Diego, says that some of its members also have cancelled the trip.

"We know ethically and politically it's a quandary," Erickson says. "San Diego SAGA will cancel its '94 Aspen trip unless the '93 trip is a direct benefit to Aspen in its fight to rescind Amendment 2."

Another lesbian and gay ski club in Southern California, Arribal Ski Club, voted to boycott the ski week altogether and cancel the race it had planned to sponsor as part of the week's events. ▼

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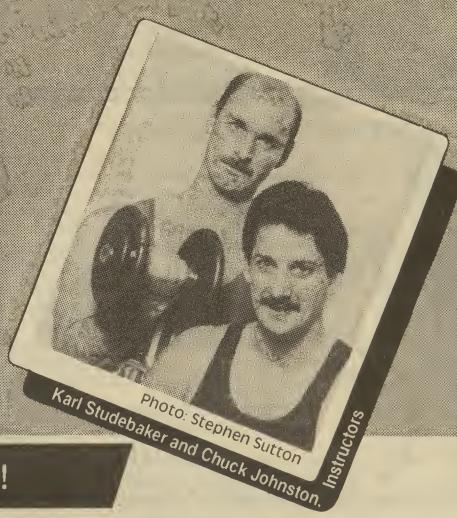


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# \$ Grows on Tree!

by Jason P. Lorber

Todd Barrett accidentally figured out a window dressing for Mike Furniture that will probably raise more than \$5,000 for San Francisco AIDS groups.

Called the Tree of Hope, it bears donated fruit, wine, jewelry, books, designer clothes, movie passes, coffee grounds and gift certificates—and, oh yes, ornaments—all of which are for sale. Proceeds go to the San Francisco chapter of DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS.

The idea came in October from Barrett, the store manager of Mike Furniture, after discussing it with one of the store owners and Allen Baki, a DIFFA board member.

"I never intended it to be this whole big event," said Barrett, who has never before initiated and organized a fundraising event. "I just thought we'd put up a tree and maybe sell ornaments to benefit some AIDS groups."

When the owner of a nearby store heard about the benefit, she donated some ornaments to the tree.



Todd Barrett

provide HIV and AIDS education and direct care.

Sales so far are brisk. Since its opening on the day after Thanksgiving, more than \$1,000 has been raised. The benefit will run through January 1 at Mike Furniture, on the corner of Fillmore and Sacramento.

"I'm worried how I'm going to keep this tree full—we're already moving ornaments and trying to fill in the holes [from the ones sold]," said Barrett. "We're swamped."

How swamped? Barrett estimates that about five hundred people are visiting the tree daily. That's more than enough to keep Barrett and a DIFFA volunteer busy on weekends.

According to Barrett, the key to the event's success was the teamwork involved.

"Basically, this was a bunch of friends getting together, to get a benefit going," said Barrett. "It was like a Judy Garland/Mickey Rooney film. It's been great seeing everyone come together for a common purpose."

Some of the vendors participating include Fillamento, La Posada, The Brown Bag,

Speedway Copy, Root-a-baga, Debster's, Cedanna, Main Line Gifts, City Limit, Michael Markham Designs, Floreal, CW. Designs and Just For Fun.

Barrett is already thinking about making this an annual event. Next year, he wants to include a grand opening.

"I'm thinking of a big tree lighting. None of that celebrity ying-ying stuff though, I want the people who it's benefitting [to light the tree]."

And what's Barrett's inspiration?

"Seeing friends that have been [HIV] positive for years starting to get sick. We often can say whether we want to deal with death and AIDS, but some people can't."

DIFFA is the only nationwide industry-based AIDS foundation. Founded in 1984, it has granted more than \$12 million to 700 community-based AIDS organizations, including \$1 million in grants to Bay Area agencies. DIFFA is the granting agency for the successful fundraiser 7th on Sale, which was sponsored by the Council of Fashion Designers for America and raised more than \$2 million. ▼

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## Letter From ... Colorado

A curious thing has happened out here in Colorado since November 3. Now that it's been a few weeks since the election, the dust has settled, the recriminations have stopped, and a new resolve is emerging in Colorado's gay and lesbian community. We lost and they won. Amendment 2 passed, revoking three local gay rights ordinances and prohibiting any state or local government jurisdiction from enacting such legislation in the future. But the victors are acting like losers, the losers—we seem to be in the catbird seat, and a lot of people who never before defended gay rights are doing so. The boycott, barely begun, has a lot of folks runnin' scared.

People are angry, and that anger is expressing itself in a new wave of community building. The lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Amendment 2 has been filed. And after some initial wavering, support here is solidly behind the national boycott of Colorado.

Barely a week after the election, the lawsuit that we hope will establish a legal precedent to end these travesties of democracy at the ballot box was in court. The case will go to trial, probably soon, in Denver District Court and then be expedited to the Colorado Supreme Court regardless of who wins the first round. It is expected to go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chances are probably better in the Colorado courts than in the U.S. courts of getting Amendment 2 overturned. The challenge is based on a number of grounds, both state and federal. The suit claims it violates Colorado's strong home rule tradition, the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, and religious freedom, since it imposes one particular religious doctrine on all. Denver, Boulder, Aspen and a number of individuals, including tennis star Martina Navratilova, are plaintiffs.

Governor Roy Romer, who opposes Amendment 2, is named as defendant in the suit and must defend the law. He is doing so without enthusiasm and has stated that regardless of this law—which also rescinds his executive order—he will not allow sexual orientation discrimination in his administration. Denver Mayor Wellington Webb has said that he will not honor Amendment 2 and Denver will continue to enforce its gay rights ordinance. The state attorney general's office must defend the amendment in court, but feelings are so strong against it that a number of staff attorneys have refused to take the case.

Amendment 2 seems clearly unconstitutional in singling out one group for exclusion from civil rights. But you can never second guess the courts. So, political action continues as well here. Signs are popping up declaring certain businesses "Hate Free Zones." There is talk of putting an initiative on the ballot to repeal

Amendment 2, which could happen as early as next November. And there is the boycott, which seems to be having an effect already.

It's true that a boycott hurts the good with the bad, but that can't be helped. Dropping Aspen Ski Week in January will, no doubt, hurt Aspen, which voted against Amendment 2 by a 3-1 margin. All the ski areas of Colorado voted in our favor. But an effective national boycott cannot be conducted on a selective basis. It's all or nothing. I would hope that Aspen Ski Week is cancelled. Our friends will understand why we must do this and will join our effort to repeal Amendment 2. If they cannot understand and won't join us, then they never really were our friends. We can't sacrifice our rights because some straight liberals will feel uncomfortable.

A boycott, after all, is not to punish. It is to make a point. It is to let the voters of Colorado know how serious a mistake they have made. And, as I said, it's having an effect already. The head of the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce and other business leaders have launched an effort to get Colorado employers to establish formal nondiscrimination policies and to reject the sentiments of Amendment 2. While they oppose any boycott, for obvious reasons, the consensus is that Amendment 2 has to go and the sooner the better. We would never see their concerned faces saying such things were it not for the threat of the boycott.

The net result of all this has been a boost for the gay and lesbian community. Important connections have been made and strengthened, and we are already better integrated into the system of politics than ever before. Colorado for Family Values (CFV), the group that sponsored Amendment 2, may rue the day they ever brought up the subject. Suddenly the fundies are on the defensive. It is appearing more so every day that gay people are part of the mainstream and that CFV is marginalized.

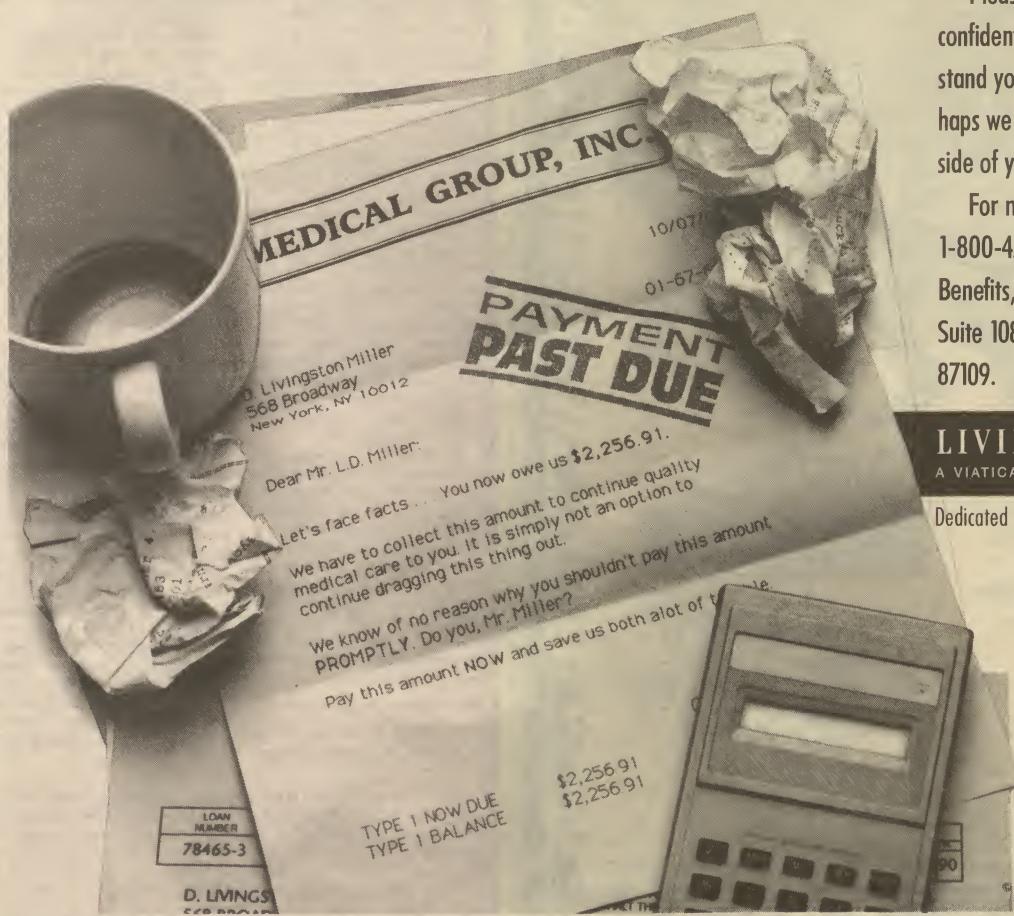
They tried to isolate us and make us disappear back into closets. But they are finding out that concern for gay civil rights is evermore a mainstream issue. Instead of disappearing, we are now in their faces more than ever. The battle has galvanized this community to a fierce level with an entirely new generation of leadership emerging. And our struggle has attained greater respect in the process. Defeats like this can turn into great victories.

So keep up the boycott. When Atlanta's city council passed its resolution supporting the boycott, it made headlines here for a week and sent the establishment into spasms of panic. Meanwhile, we have our work cut out for us in educating Colorado about what civil rights really mean.

See you on the front page.

Ray O'Laughlin

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## Lighting Lincoln

Harvey Milk Memorial marchers stop by the Lincoln statue in Civic Center November 27 during the 14 annual commemoration of the slain gay leader's death. Some 500 people turned out to remember Milk and the contributions he made as a pioneer in the gay movement.

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## GLAAD Media Watch

Compiled by Hollie Conley

A favorite tactic of the religious right in opposing civil rights for both racial and sexual minorities has been to falsely characterize equal rights as "special" rights. Although you might think it the duty of the news media to expose this mis-characterization, sometimes they actually promote it. During a recent NBC news segment, anchor Tom Brokaw asked a guest if he felt that lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military would encourage other minorities to ask for a "special place" in the armed forces.

Let Mr. Brokaw know that such comments spread ignorance, not information. Write to Tom Brokaw, NBC *Nightly News*, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY 10112.

### Phil Donahue

Thanks to the efforts of talk show host Phil Donahue, TV viewers saw one of the few gay kisses ever seen on prime time. Donahue recently celebrated his 25th anniversary on television with a prime time salute containing highlights from his show over the years. The show included a clip of TV's first gay "wedding," a commitment ceremony between two men that included the traditional kiss.

NBC initially refused to allow the kiss to appear, but after negotiations with the network's Broadcast Standards and Practices, Donahue succeeded in keeping it in. We need to write and let Donahue and the people behind the scenes know that we are proud of their sustained commitment to telling the truth about our lives.

Write to Phil Donahue, *The Phil Donahue Show*, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY 10112.

A recent episode of the show, one of many recent programs on the issue of gays in the military, showed that Donahue remains one of the few journalists unafraid to confront homophobia head-on. The program featured four lesbian or gay service people, either expelled from the military for telling the truth or hiding in the closet, as well as retired Admiral Thomas Moorer, a homophobe who argued in support of the military ban (Mr. Moorer, who was frequently the target of laughter when he complained about homosexual "recruitment" and lesbians "slobbering" over each other, brought down the house when he attributed two world wars to the fact that Europeans allow lesbians and gays in the military).

Most of the audience, gay and straight, spoke out against discrimination, but when some young men spoke up to defend the ban (one caller argued that gay men had to be kept out of the military because service people needed to feel free to make gay jokes at the dinner table) Donahue challenged them persistently to examine their own insecurities and prejudices.

### Wall Street Journal

The *Wall Street Journal* on November 16 expressed editor-

ial opposition to the ban on lesbians and gays in the military, in its own wimpy way. In a long editorial devoted to women in the military (supporting the findings of the recent Presidential Commission which opposed allowing women into a variety of military roles), one paragraph addressed the question of discrimination. Referring to President-elect Clinton's promise to overturn the homophobic ban, the *Journal* opined: "We don't get very excited about this issue; since the services include gays and always have, there are humanitarian reasons for overturning the ban. Given today's climate repeal might conceivably tend to protect gays from normal discipline, but we trust the services could avoid that."

Of course we find it deplorable that the *Journal* doesn't get "excited" about the ruined careers, disrupted lives and wasted money that result from this idiotic policy, and we have no idea what there is about today's homophobic climate that would lead the military to "protect gays from normal discipline." Regular readers of the *Journal*, though, point out that even stating opposition to the ban represents progress for the usually right-wing paper.

Praise their progress or damn their homophobia, as you see fit, but let them know that you're watching what they say. Write to Daniel Henniger, Editor, Editorial Page, *The Wall Street Journal*, 200 Liberty Street, New York NY 10281.

### Bill Clinton

President-elect Clinton's reiteration of a promise to end the ban on lesbians and gays in the military has obviously brought unprecedented attention to the issue. Sadly, military personnel from the Joint Chiefs of Staff down to enlisted soldiers have taken to the airwaves to whine about the erosion of morale if they're forced to confront their prejudices. Polls have shown public support for overturning the ban to be declining. Please urge Clinton to stick to his principles on the issue and give the military the leadership it apparently needs to overcome bigotry.

Write to President-elect Bill Clinton, P.O. Box 615, Little Rock, AR 72203, tel. 501-376-6774, fax 501-399-7096.

### Oakland Tribune

The *Oakland Tribune* recently reprinted an article by Peter Honey of the Baltimore Sun entitled "Clinton's Commitments—from A to Z." The lengthy article recaps campaign promises and positions stated by Bill Clinton under 47 alphabetized headings, from "Abortion" and "Agriculture" to "Youth" and "Yugoslavia." Incredibly, nowhere in the article does the word "gay," "lesbian," or even "homosexual" appear, not even under such obvious headings as "Arts," "Civil Rights," "Defense," "Families" or "Women." Send your comments to Peter Honey, c/o *The Baltimore Evening Sun*, 501 N. Calvert Street, P.O. Box 1377, Baltimore, MD 21278. ▼

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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

## National News

# Oh, Maryland: Lesbian Sues To Become State Trooper

by Dennis Conkin

A lesbian who applied to become a Maryland State Trooper in 1989, but was rejected because the police force considered homosexuality "socially unacceptable conduct," has filed suit against the agency.

Identified in court papers filed in the state Circuit Court of Maryland on November 17 as Jane Doe, the woman had passed the department's agility and psychological tests before she was asked whether she was a lesbian.

Doe acknowledged her orientation and was later told she would not be considered for employment as a law enforcement officer with the MSP.

Doe has filed suit for lost wages and benefits and seeks an injunction ordering the agency to allow her to attend the Maryland State Police Academy.

The suit says that the MSP decision was based solely on Doe's sexual orientation and

"lacked any real or substantial relationship" to her ability to perform the job of a state trooper.

The suit alleges the discrimination violates the equal rights protections of the Maryland Constitution, according to Maryland ACLU spokesman Stuart Comstock-Gay.

"It was an arbitrary and capricious decision that is really without basis," Comstock-Gay told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "I wouldn't want to give odds on whether we will win or lose this thing, but in the court of common sense, we'd win in a minute."

Doe was rejected in a letter by MSP Personnel Chief Morris L. Krome.

"The Maryland State Police has a legitimate need for obedience and discipline within the police department," Krome said in the letter. "Homosexual or other socially unacceptable conduct will undoubtedly foment controversy and conflict within the department. This consideration, as

well as the concern of the police department to protect its public image and avoid ridicule and embarrassment, justify inquiry into the sexual preference or orientation of a Trooper candidate," Krome concluded.

"The Maryland State Police, like the United States military, must get over their irrational and discriminatory fear of lesbians and gay men," said Ruth E. Harlow, staff attorney for the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

Other Maryland law enforcement agencies do not discriminate against lesbians and gays, Comstock-Gay said.

"Baltimore doesn't consider sexual orientation; neither does Baltimore County or Anne Arundel County. Even Cumberland, Maryland, a little town of 25,000 near West Virginia doesn't," he said.

Doe's suit is expected to go to trial next spring. ▼

## PBS Station Censors Outing References

by Rex Wockner  
Outlines News Service

You've heard of outing — here's a story of "inning."

Actor Christopher Reeve and Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis were "inned" November 17 by Chicago's PBS station, WTTW Channel 11, when it aired the season premiere of the new gay/lesbian variety show *In The Life*, the first regularly scheduled, national, non-cable gay/lesbian TV program.

It happened during the performance of "Mr. Sandman" by the singing quintet The Flirtations. A casual viewer might have thought there was a minor tape glitch, but WTTW was in full control.

"Mr. Sandman/won't you believe/we want a superman like Christopher [no audio]/Give him two legs like Greg [no audio]/but make him public about his gayness."

Of course, the zapped names rhyme with other lyrics and one could see the singers' mouths form the words.

"Yes, we did it," said Bruce Marcus, WTTW senior vice president of corporate marketing and communications. "The implication from having those names in there we felt was an implication that the two individuals are



The Flirtations

(Photo: Gene Bagnato)

gay, and we have no information with regard to that one way or another, and we felt it was an improper format to do that. Things that relate to people's personal lives we are usually very careful with. We want to make sure that our air ... is not being used for somebody else's purpose with questionable facts, or questionable words."

Does WTTW routinely zap unconfirmed statements from PBS programs, or does WTTW usually fact-check PBS, or what?

"It's rare when there are programs where that is an issue. It was a decision based on — we felt that our airwaves should not be used as a forum

to send out information that, from our perspective, is not valid information, that seems to be purposefully there to accomplish the producer's purpose."

Oh, so WTTW believes Reeve and Louganis are heterosexual?

"No. ... From our standpoint, there's no public awareness and/or understanding and it's not our business."

Would WTTW have zapped a reference to Louganis' girlfriend, since WTTW doesn't know whether he has one or not?

"Well," Marcus said, "that's an interesting question." ▼

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## HIV News

# SF Mothers More Likely Than Others To Be HIV Infected

by Dennis Conkin

Eight out of every 10,000 women who gave birth in California tested positive for AIDS during the third quarter of 1991, according to figures released for World AIDS Day by the State Department of Health Services.

The rate is the highest since the survey began in 1988, according to Ken August, a spokesperson for the department.

The survey was funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and was conducted in California and 38 other states. It examined 154,918 anonymous blood specimens from infants born to California women from

July through September of last year, as a way to determine the prevalence of HIV infection in the state's childbearing women.

The highest HIV prevalence rates were in the San Francisco Bay Area with a rate of 14.0 per 10,000, and Los Angeles County with a rate of 9.9 per 10,000. Excluding LA and the Bay Area, the rate for California is 5.0 per 10,000, according to August.

Overall, August said, one in every 1,249 childbearing women tested positive for HIV infection.

According to August, among childbearing African Americans the rate of infection was 44.76 per 10,000 — more than seven times the 6.1

per 10,000 reported among whites, and nearly ten times the 4.5 per 10,000 rate among Hispanics.

Surprisingly, there was not a single case of HIV infection reported among childbearing Asian/Pacific Islander women, August said.

A newborn infant may test positive for HIV but because it is carrying the mother's antibodies to the infection, only an estimated 25-30 percent will eventually develop antibodies of their own, August said.

"Originally, it was believed that all children born to HIV-infected women would develop antibodies but that has turned out not to be the case," August said. ▀

## ACT UP to National AIDS Commission: Get Out

by Dennis Conkin

ACT UP/District of Columbia has had it. Members of the AIDS activist group called for the resignation of the entire National Commission on AIDS, and of key federal health policy experts, at an NCA meeting November 17.

"If the NCA is serious about ending the AIDS crisis, then it ought to retire itself out to pasture. The battle against AIDS will not be won by feeding a cash cow that is incompetent, intellectual, and unqualified to serve the public. The only good thing the NCA has been able to accomplish is the creation and maintenance of a public relations machine," said ACT UP/DC member Michael Petrelis at the meeting.

Commission President June Osborn, M.D., was travelling and not available for comment on the call for the Commission's resignation.

The NAC is an independent body established by federal statute to advise Congress and the president on a "consistent national policy concerning the HIV epidemic."

The 15-member Commission includes five voting members appointed by the Senate, five appointed by the House and two appointed by the president. By statute, three cabinet members — the secretary of health and human services, the secretary of defense, and the secretary of veterans affairs — are non-voting members of the Commission. It was recently the focus of much media attention when HIV-infected basketball superstar Magic Johnson resigned his NAC post and chastised President Bush for his failure to implement the Commission's recommendations or to respond to the AIDS epidemic.

The meeting at which Petrelis made his outburst was set up as the first in a series of hearings to determine the NAC's specific recommendation for the Clinton administration and the 103rd Congress.

"I wouldn't give a lot of ink to Michael Petrelis," said Roberta Achtenberg, San Francisco Supervisor and former national co-chair of the Clinton election campaign. The Clinton transition team "is reviewing the federal re-

sponse to the AIDS epidemic" she told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "There will be a reorganization of the whole AIDS service delivery effort, and Clinton has committed to implementing the recommendations of both AIDS Commissions."

Achternberg said that whether an AIDS Commission would be needed under the administration "remains an open question."

Ben Schatz, who advised Clinton on AIDS public policy issues during the re-election campaign told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the dissolution of the Commission "is under serious consideration" but there has been no decision by the transition team.

"The key is some kind of community access, and a commission may not be needed," he said. "I doubt that it would be through town councils but perhaps through community advisory boards of some sort."

Petrelis said that the Commission's \$2.5 million annual budget should be diverted to direct services for people with AIDS. ▀

## Sentence Handed Down in HIV 'Attempted Murder' Case

by Bill Stewart  
United Press International

PORTLAND, OREGON — A man infected with the virus that causes AIDS was convicted November 25 of attempted murder for intentionally trying to infect a 17-year-old former girlfriend through unprotected sex.

Alberto Gonzalez, 28, of Portland, became the first person in Oregon to be convicted of using HIV as a deadly weapon. He was found guilty on 12 of 14 criminal charges, including attempted murder and assault, but was acquitted on two charges of sex abuse.

"This case was hyped..." an incensed Gonzalez said of his much-publicized trial. "There was no evidence that sex was used as a deadly weapon."

After the verdict, prosecutor Dave Peters estimated Gonzalez would be sentenced to five or six years in prison. State prison officials already have said that no special accommodations will be made for Gonzalez, who will be housed with the general prison population.

Last year, Gonzalez pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of recklessly endangering the life of a former girlfriend by having un-

protected sex. Shawn Hopp, another former girlfriend, died of AIDS earlier this year and her videotaped testimony was used against him.

The latest victim has so far tested negative for HIV.

After the trial, one of the jurors said the most important question they had to answer was whether Gonzalez intentionally tried to infect the teenage girl.

Several witnesses, including two former jail inmates who were imprisoned for a time with Gonzalez, said the defendant told them he did not care what happened to his sexual partners. ▀

## HIV Briefs

### Experienced Personnel Keep AIDS Patients Alive Longer

CHICAGO (UPI) - Hospitals with the most experience dealing with AIDS are the most likely to keep patients alive, a study found November 17.

AIDS patients were more than twice as likely to die in low-experience hospitals or within 30 days of discharge when compared to hospitals more familiar with the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus, HIV, and its consequences, said Dr. Valerie Stone and colleagues at the Boston University School of Medicine.

"This finding is not because of greater severity of illness, differences in discharge patterns of the terminally ill, or less intensive use of resources," the study said. "Rather it may be because of differences in quality of care."

Stone analyzed 806 cases at 40 hospitals throughout Massachusetts during 1987. Hospitals were considered to have a high level of AIDS experience if they discharged more than 43 people with AIDS per 10,000 discharges in the sample year. Eight hospitals out of the 40 studied were in this category.

"Even after controlling for multiple patient-level and hospital-level variables, the relative risk of death was more than twice as high at hospitals with lower AIDS familiarity than at hospitals more experienced with AIDS care," said the researchers in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. "Moreover, the better outcomes do not appear to be the result of more intensive use of resources as measured by admission to the [intensive care unit], length of stay, or cost."

The report said the findings may support policies to establish regional AIDS care referral networks, which would channel people with AIDS to more centralized services staffed by specially trained medical personnel.

"The success of such a regional program may be related to its ability to increase the dissemination of HIV-related expertise and may not require the isolation of HIV care in a limited number of special facilities," the researchers said.

In a commentary published in the same issue of the journal, Dr. Martin Shapiro of the University of California, Los Angeles, and Dr. Sheldon Greenfield of the New England Medical Center in Boston, said the results could be from less experienced physicians missing early opportunities to diagnose AIDS-related complications.

Experience with different kinds and doses of medications also could affect patient outcomes, the doctors said.

Shapiro and Greenfield said centralizing AIDS treatment could hurt overall patient care. Instead, they urged further study, improved physician education and greater efforts to upgrade public and other hospitals. ▼

### Americans Seek Health Care in Mexico, Group Says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans are apparently being driven to seek medical care in Mexico because they can't afford the high cost in their own country, a consumer group reported November 24.

Families USA surveyed 242 doctors in the Mexican cities of Juarez, Nogales, and Mexicali, plus 318 people in the U.S. cities of El Paso, Texas; Los Cruces, New Mexico; Nogales, Arizona; and Calexico and El Centro, California.

The group found:

- Ninety-nine percent of the Mexican doctors surveyed in border communities said they treated American patients, with one-quarter of their patients being American.
- Four out of five of the Americans who go to Mexico for health care would prefer to get their care in the United States.
- Three out of every five consumers surveyed cited the high cost of American health care as their most important reason for seeking care in Mexico.
- Visits to doctors cost nearly three times as much in the United States as in Mexico and brand name prescription drugs cost more than three times as much.

"Tens of thousands of Americans are leaving our country to get affordable health care. This hemorrhage at the Mexican border is a symptom of fundamental sickness in America's health care system," said Ron Pollack, the group's executive director.

"What greater embarrassment could we have than the spectacle of tens of thousands of Americans crossing the border to get affordable health care?" he said. ▼

### AIDS Stats Grow for Heterosexuals

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — In the past year, the number of heterosexuals in Milwaukee suffering from AIDS or HIV symptoms has increased by 40 percent, according to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

In November 1991, 145 of the clients at the Milwaukee AIDS Project were heterosexuals. In November 1992, 203 clients at the project indicate that they had contracted AIDS or HIV through a means other than homosexual contact, a 40 percent increase.

The figure also represents one-third of the total number of people with HIV served by the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., said the increase in heterosexual cases of AIDS and HIV shows the strong hold the disease has on Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

He said the disease is affecting every segment of the state's population.

"There is a tremendous amount of apathy about HIV among heterosexual and teen populations," Nelson said. "We must establish more effective, more aggressive HIV prevention strategies and make sure that they are heard by those that this epidemic is attacking. This includes messages of safer sex, condom use and outreach to the injection drug using population."

About 12,000 to 16,000 Wisconsin residents are HIV positive, Nelson said. ▼

## HIV News

### HIV Can Live in Dentistry Tools

by Douglas A. Levy,  
UPI Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Researchers announced November 20 that HIV can be transmitted by improperly sterilized dental tools as well as by other medical devices.

Reporting a study on how dental tools can pick up HIV from an infected patient, microbiologist David Lewis said some disinfecting techniques fail to eliminate risk of transmitting the virus to another patient.

But the proper sterilization method — heating tools with pressurized steam — reduces the risk to zero, he said. The American Dental Association updated its infection control guidelines to include this step in May.

Nonetheless, Lewis said there is similar infection potential with other medical devices used for invasive procedures, particularly with endoscopes, which are lighted tubes used by doctors to reach deep inside a person's body.

The problem is that widely used disinfectant solutions fail to reach every part of various medical tools, Lewis said. Heat-treating tools should be considered mandatory, he said.

"[Chemical treatments] don't get into the nooks and crannies," said Lewis, adding that lubricants used on dental drill parts actually repel the chemical disinfectants and may keep them from reaching some viral material picked up from an infected

patient.

"All of these problems can be overcome by heat-treating the equipment between each patient," he said.

Lewis, a microbiologist at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, and his colleagues reached the conclusion after testing dental tools used to treat two HIV-infected patients and one healthy patient.

"Our results, from laboratory and clinical studies, show that high-speed dental handpieces and prophylaxis angles take up and expel patient materials and so can potentially transfer infectious agents from one patient to another," the researchers said in the British medical journal *The Lancet*.

"Discharge of both patient material and [viral particles] from dental equipment is worrisome, mainly because the material was present in internal areas of the equipment that are not readily accessible to chemical germicides," they said.

Despite the concern stated in the journal, Lewis praised the dental profession for reacting effectively to infection concerns and said dentists were setting a standard other medical professionals should follow.

Dr. Louis DePaola, who teaches infection control at the University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore, said he had seen a major shift among dentists in the wake of the case of a Florida dentist who allegedly transmitted the AIDS virus to five of his patients,

including Kimberly Bergalis.

A Centers for Disease Control investigation determined that the dentist, Dr. David Acer, practiced inconsistent infection-control procedures. It also said he used tools that had been wiped or otherwise treated with chemicals but not heat-sterilized.

"Dentists are a resistant bunch," said DePaola, but "much of this is being driven by the consumer." He said patients should make sure their dentists wear gloves and masks and they should ask whether they "autoclave," the medical term for the heat sterilization technique.

DePaola and his colleagues did infection control analysis of 20 randomly selected dental offices throughout Maryland earlier this year and found all 20 used the heat-sterilization technique for their tools and followed other infection control guidelines.

"We've done some dramatic changing," DePaola said.

The American Dental Association issued a statement the same day that said "the dental office remains one of the safest places for patient care."

"Patients receive the highest level of protection when ADA-recommended infection control procedures are adhered to, including the recommendation that all dental handpieces and prophylaxis angles be sterilized between patients," the statement said.

It also urged patients to discuss infection concerns with their dentists. ▼

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## Obituaries

### Ted Arnold

Oct. 22, 1957–Nov. 17, 1992

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truly wonderful collection of vintage Kodak (and only Kodak) cameras and memorabilia. They were his babies.

Ted is survived by his mother, Doris Arnold of York, PA, and brothers Mike Arnold and Tim Arnold, both of York PA. Those of us fortunate enough to have known Ted, will forever hold him close in our hearts. The memories and joy he brought to his friends and family will always remain. He is sadly missed. We wish him a wonderful trip on his final "Big Journey." ▼

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Bob is survived by his San Francisco Family, including his lover and best friend of 12 years, Daniel Beabout, close friend Lance Sailors and cousin Ruth Grossman. He is also survived by his parents, Gladys and David of La Jolla, Calif.; and his sister, Barbara of Los Angeles, Calif. Bob is now with others of our family who have gone before us.

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### Joachim Heinrich Miselhorn

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He is survived by his sister Anneliese Sterbeck of Germany, who was with him during the last months of his life, and his brother Gerd Miselhorn of Germany.

His ashes will be placed in the family plot in Marueda, Germany. ▼

### Scott D. Magee

Sept. 20, 1958–Nov. 23, 1992

At home in his lover's arms, comforted by his friend Scott and dog Beau, Scott left us.

Scott proudly earned his Masters at Stanford, traveled internationally as Research Director for The Foundation for Glaucoma Research, taught at Stanford, and achieved the position of Vice President of Medicom, he built.

In late 1991, Scott threw away "corporate concerns" of the past to pursue full-time his lifelong passion, photography. He approached his art, as he approached AIDS and indeed his life, with confidence and relentless determination. He amazed and inspired many. His dream to communicate that people can and do live fully with AIDS was realized shortly before his death with his final work: a photographic essay entitled "After the Diagnosis: Thriving with HIV."

Gentle, articulate and handsome, he felt his life and illness brought him many joys, opportunities, new friends, and strengthened relationships. He loved his animals, garden, the Trocadero dance floor and the seven years shared with his lover Jim Beitzel.

Special thanks to VNA and Hospice of SF, Scott, Susan, Courtney, Michael, Peter, and Denise.

A future celebration of Scott's life and photography is being planned. Call Jim at 641-0867 for details. Donations may be made to SF AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, SF, Calif. 94142 or Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF 94110. ▼

### Leo Spinner

Nov. 4, 1992

Leo Spinner died peacefully at his Guerneville home on November 4, 1992. At his side were his good friends, John and Hank.

Leo was 35 years old and had lived with AIDS for several years.

Leo was raised in Florida and spent most of his life there. He worked as a nightclub manager, waiter, bartender, and realtor before coming to the Guerneville area in the late 1980s. He then worked at various resorts in the river area.

Leo will be remembered for his quick wit, good humor, and the ever-present sparkle in his eyes. He gladdened the hearts of many as the southern belle Food For Thought banner carrier in this year's S.F. Pride Parade.

Leo is survived by his many loving friends in California and Florida (Ed and Fred, especially). He also left behind his parents, Florence and Venice Spiner, sister Deborah, brother Dennis, and nephew Joshua.

Special thanks to Dr. David Gorchoff and Dr. Lori Cedarberg as well as the entire staff at the Russian River Health Clinic for their kindness and loving support.

Happy trails Leo, we love you and will miss you. ▼

### Paul A. Anderson

Nov. 18, 1992

A memorial will be held on Saturday, December 5, 1992 in Park Ridge Illinois for Paul A. Anderson, a nationally known philanthropist and prominent member to the Chicago Board of Trade. Mr. Anderson died peacefully of AIDS-related causes on November 18, 1992 at his winter residence in San Francisco.

Mr. Anderson, 43, was born in Park Ridge, Illinois, received his undergraduate degree from Augustana College in Rock Island Illinois, and his graduate degree from Purdue University.

In 1990, Paul established the Anderson Prize Foundation which annually funds the Stonewall Awards, a program which makes non-restricted financial grants to individuals who have improved the quality of life for gays and lesbians in America. Through the Paul Anderson Foundation, he also supported a wide range of philanthropic activities, including AIDS causes, in Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. A great lover of music and painting, Mr. Anderson was known for his generous support of the arts.

Mr. Anderson was a commodity trader and member of the Chicago Board of Trade, a past president of the Ferguson Grain Company, a former president of the Board of Governors of the Augustana Center for the Developmentally Disabled in Chicago, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Augustana College.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his companion, Allen Schuh; his mother, Betty Anderson of Park Ridge, Illinois; his sister Karen; his sister Deborah; and many close friends throughout the nation.

A memorial service will be held on December 5, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Prospect and Cedar in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Contributions are requested for the Anderson Prize Foundation, 1555 N. Astor St., #10 NE, Chicago, Illinois 60610, or the Augustana Center for the Developmentally Disabled or Augustana College. ▼

### Jim McCarville

Jim R. McCarville was born on April 22, 1944 in Moorland, Iowa. Residing thereafter in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Boston and finally San Francisco since 1982. A graduate of Iowa State University with an Engineering degree. In 1966 he became employed by AC&S Inc. He held a series of positions for the company, and for the last ten years headed their San Francisco district office as Senior Vice President and Master Contractor.

Jim's unexpected passing comes as a shock. He was a regular participant of aerobics classes two times per week for nearly 10 years. With no prior warning this is where his journey to the next dimension began on November 4. He will be remembered by his family, friends and employees alike, for his consistent positive attitude, sincere smile and unending generosity. McCarville leaves behind his mother Lucille; brother Mark; sister Mary Jane Wietzema; and life partner Scott (Scooter) Tyman. Not to forget Phuзи and friends across the US.

Memorials may be left to Project Open Hand, 2710 17th St., SF 94110. Funeral services were held in Moorland, Iowa earlier this month.

"Don't regret growing old, it's a privilege denied many." ▼

### Juan Andres Garcia

1957–1992

Johnny died alone in his Tenderloin hotel room in the world he had defined for himself. He said he wasn't going to die until he became a social worker. But the trouble was that he had been a social worker all his life — in the good sense of fighting abuse in all quarters. He was an activist for human as well as gay rights from the start. His autobiography is called *The Liar's Truth*. No picture exists. He will be memorialized in a special edition of *By No Means*. He is survived by his bereft family and sorrowing friends. He was a clear, brilliant, suddenly-observed meteor in the night sky of our lives. ▼

### Amornthep "Kip" Kitisin

July 6, 1945–Nov. 10, 1992

Kit died Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in San Jose. He is survived by: mother, father and family in Thailand, and adopted American family David, Alice, Sharon, Henry and many others.

During his three year battle with AIDS, Kit touched many people in this community through his works as an AIDS educator. To many he became a hero. His commitment to living life fully, with AIDS, served as an inspiration to others living with HIV disease. The courage he demonstrated every day of his illness has made a lasting impression of those who supported him.

As part of his contribution to AIDS awareness, Kit participated in a photo documentation of his life with AIDS. The resulting photo exhibit which chronicles the last two years of Kit's life opened on Dec. 1 — World AIDS Day in the Main Public Gallery of the Santa Clara County Administration Bld., 70 West Hedding St., San Jose. A public reception will be held at the gallery at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3. A private Celebration of Kit's life will be held following the reception from 7:30 to 9:30 at the home of David Salice. For information call (408) 720-0412.

Deep appreciation to: his doctors Steven Carlson and Bob Frascino; the visiting Nurses Association, especially Claire LaScola; Valerie and Elizabeth from Caremark; all the nurses on Six West El Camino Hospital; and all those at Aris Project who provided support during the past three years.

Donations in Kit's memory may be made to: Aris Project, 595 Millich Dr., suite 104, Campbell, Calif., 95008. ▼

### Matthias Paul Lowman, II

June 21, 1938–Nov. 21, 1992

The many close friends, family, and colleagues of Matt mourn the loss of one who gave so generously of his energy and spirit, enriching the lives of all who knew him.

From his early years in Chicago to his later ones in San Francisco, he was actively involved with books — as reader, librarian, bookseller and bibliophile.

A graduate of Carleton College, the University of Chicago, and New College of California, he was formerly curator of Rare Books and Head of Special Collections at the Newberry Library in Chicago, and had been affiliated with the Brick Row Book Shop in San Francisco since 1972.

A longtime member of the Bibliographical Society of America, the Book of Club of California, and the American Academy in Rome, he was a former officer of the Northern California Chapter of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America. He also served as board member and president of the Gleeson Library Associates of the University of San Francisco.

He is survived by his companion of 20 years, Carson McDaniel, and his mother, Lucille Lowman of Green Valley, Ariz. Friends and family will gather together in remembering Matt early in the new year.

Donations may be made to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U. St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 or the Zen Hospice Project, 273 Page St., San Francisco, Calif., 94102. ▼

## Obituaries

### Roland Chauvin

Aug. 3, 1939-Nov. 21, 1992

"Don't worry, I'll take care of it." These simple words from a quiet man carried an absolute guarantee that you could count on no matter whatever else in this world went wrong. Roland was a quiet, unassuming person, just living his own life. We imposed upon him to help fill the leadership gap caused by our many losses to AIDS. He never sought personal glory, power or recognition. He just wanted to help out.

He was an honorary member of the Cheaters M.C., S.F.G.D.I., Constantines M.C., and the Golden Gate Guards, President and heartbeat of the Cycle Runners M.C., President of the S.F. Forum of Clubs, President of the Inter Club Fund, 1991 Man of the Year, FRIEND.

In his last months Roland's quiet dignity prevailed. No anger, few tears, all in all, little anguish for those he loved. He just didn't want to impose on his friends and family back home. We must mention Robert Harlan who stood so lovingly close and strong to his life long friend and roommate. Roland wanted those wishing to remember him to donate to the I.G.F. to help others. "Don't Worry, I'll take care of it." He always said, and he always did. ▼

### Joseph Laffitte

May 22, 1935-Sept. 13, 1992

Born Jose Laffitte Deya of French and Spanish parents in Baracoa, Oriente, Cuba in 1935, Jose studied medicine at the University of Havana until the revolution made it impossible to continue.

I met him in New York in 1960 when he was studying at the Art Student's League and participating in seminars at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. I've been his companion, friend, brother ever since. We came to San Francisco in 1961 where Jose studied at the San Francisco Art Institute and CCSF. He had various one-person and group shows but was unfortunately not a business person.

Jose was a consummate, eclectic artist who loved people and nature, an existentialist with a Buddhist character. He was the most genuine person I have ever met. He has left me all these possibilities, all these wonderful memories and the unstated admission to never feel sorry for oneself.

He died of AIDS on Sunday morning, the 13th of September, his hand in mine. He had been ill for four years. I am especially grateful to Dr. Tekeli and Dr. Fullerton, the entire staff and Garden-Sullivan, Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, and Continuum.

Richard. ▼

### Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m. ▼

### Stephen McBride

Sept. 18, 1947-Nov. 11, 1992

On Friday morning, November 6, 1992, Stephen passed away at Garden-Sullivan Hospice after a 4½ year battle with AIDS. Although the last year had been extremely difficult on Stephen, he faced it with quiet dignity and an inner strength that made it easier for his friends and family to accept his quick wit, dry sense of humor and famous laugh are truly missed. He was special, and his friends consider themselves lucky to have known him.

Per Stephens request, there were no services held. For additional information, call 621-8029. ▼

### Daniel Paul Stardig

Dec. 7, 1953-Nov. 27, 1992

Dan lived a good life. He got enjoyment from riverrafting, motorcycles, and movies. There was many a time that you could catch him viewing Grade C horror movies always relishing the camp of it all. One of the greatest accomplishments in his life was when he competed in Physique '88.

He was a member in good standing of Alcoholics Anonymous for 10 years. Sobriety always came first with Dan, who held many service commitments and was always there for the newcomer or anyone else needing help.

During the latter part of his life, even though his own health was suffering, he was a volunteer at California Pacific Medical Center. This gave Dan a great opportunity to give something back to the community.

Computers played a large part in Dan's life. His work at a financial center bank, for which he became vice president in charge of data processing, gave Dan great joy as he was there from concept to closure. He could work for a 15-hour stretch without batting an eye.

The other great love in Dan's life was astronomy. He could sit for hours reading about the universe or engage a person in conversation pondering the great question of how we got where we are. You could also catch him on many clear nights gazing at the stars and planets.

As one of the Zine sisters, Thora was one of the best, always looking like he had been discharged from a psych ward. Dan took great pleasure in drag, always touting that one can never wear too much make-up. He was certainly a vision in five inch heels and wild white wig cruising down Castro on his motorcycle.

Dan is survived by his mother, Bernice, his father, Vernon; his brothers, Bill and Dick; and his sister Judy.

He was a great humanitarian, always caring, always kind. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and family and will be remembered fondly.

Dan would like us to have a celebration of his life on December 12, 1992 from 2-4 at MCC Church at 150 Eureka Street. At Dan's request: please refrain from wearing black. ▼

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April 25, 1993

## Community News

### BofA

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discriminate.

"Boy Scouts of America, being open to all boys, which is the class it is designed to serve, meets the bank's contributions criteria," BofA corporate spokesperson Peter Magnani said in a press statement.

Magnani said that BofA had been assured by the Boy Scouts that membership was open to all boys who subscribed to Scout law, even though national Boy Scouts of America spokesman Blake Lewis publicly announced the same day the organization had not changed its policy in any way.

"Anyone who comes out and says they are homosexuals are saying they are not able to live in concert with the Scout Oath," Lewis said.

"One of the tenets [of the Scout Oath] is that you are not a homosexual and a homosexual is someone who has come out publicly and said, 'these are my lifestyle preferences,'" Lewis said in news accounts.

The Finance Committee is meeting as this issue of the Bay Area Reporter goes to press; it is expected to approve the motion for divestiture, and to send the proposal to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Ken McPherson of Forgotten Scouts, a group of gay and bisexual former Boy Scouts, told the B.A.R. that his group supported Achtenberg's resolution and that it would join a call for divestiture and a boycott of the bank.

"We no longer believe that the bank misunderstands the BSA policy," he said.

John Woods, a leader of the group Queer Scouts, called upon the Finance Committee to divest the funds and said that he expected the Board of Supervisors to pass the measure to the mayor for final signature.

"It's up to Mayor Jordan and if he doesn't sign it we will consider having a sit-in in his office," Woods said.

City Hall sources say that the bank is "extremely con-

cerned" about its public relations image and has contacted members of the Board to say that BofA has given funds to lesbian and gay groups and that although BSA is eligible to apply for funds from the bank, none have been given since February.

Records indicate BofA gave the Boy Scouts \$18,000 in 1992.

Magnani was not available for comment at press time. ▼

### JIM DUTRA

Our dear friend Jim passed away in his home November 27.

Jim was one of the best friends you could ever have. Fun, loving, caring person who loved to have a good time.

With his crazy sense of humor he always had something to say, and would keep you laughing always. He always said, "I don't get out to be bored" and believe me, I know he never did. Dutra was one of the first male go-go dancers in the '60s at the 524 Club. With that great face, smile and body, and his love for dancing, he drove everyone crazy. I mean crazy. He became one of S.F.'s top hairdressers; he had his own Salon Jim Dutra etc., for 14 years in the city.

His many clients and friends will really miss him; for he was one of the most giving, kindest people you could ever meet. With cigarette in one hand and cocktail in the other, he would solve the problems of the world. He loved people and people loved him, well...most of the time! He is survived by his parents, grandmother, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 2 nieces, 1 nephew, and other relatives in Dixon, California, also his companion Patty and his co-workers and many, many friends.

A celebration of Dutra's life will be held Sunday, December 6, 2 p.m. at Sullivans Mortuary on Market Street and afterwards good times with "Tacky Dutra." So please join us all for a Tacky Hot Dog and cocktails and good old times with Dutra.

I know he is up there with the rest of the Boys, raising hell! Save me a barstool... and quit stealing my cigarettes and lighters...

Donations in the memory of Jim can be made to Coming Home Hospice.

There will be one less star at Jim Dutra's Salon, but there will be one more in the heavens... "Dutra."

Thank you for being a wonderful friend.

You will always be there and missed. Love you, goodbye... Jimmy

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# Bring On the Lavender Berets

by Michael C. Botkin

President-elect Clinton's promise to lift the ban on gays in the military appears to have heated up, rather than resolved, this controversial issue. Several high-ranking officers from the Army, Navy, and Marines have raised strenuous objections and taken the unusual step of going public with their misgivings. Allowing openly gay men and women to serve, they claim, would "undermine morale and discipline" in the ranks.

Alas, they find themselves in a rather weak position. The most effective argument they could make would be to insist that gay soldiers are unfit for combat. But they threw this possibility away during the Gulf War last year. At that time the Pentagon announced that gay soldiers would be allowed to serve in the front lines, then promptly discharged upon conclusion of the war. The idea was to discourage heterosexual soldiers from faking fagdom to avoid being sent overseas, but it

had the unforeseen side effect of backhandedly admitting that queers are, in fact, no liability in combat. It also came off as extremely coldblooded and mean spirited (which, of course, it was).

Soon after this they discarded their traditional justification for military homophobia, the argument that "gays are a security risk because they can be blackmailed." The obvious solution to this "problem," unfortunately, would be to lift the ban, legitimizing queer soldiers and making blackmail impossible. As the debate heated up, the Pentagon realized, the weakness of this double-edged logic would be revealed and so they beat a hasty retreat from the archaic notion before it came under close scrutiny and got them in trouble.

A senior Marine chaplain recently claimed that gay men are unable to restrain our unnatural lusts, and impulsively run rampant at the slightest opportunity. But the fact that tens of thousands of queer soldiers are currently



serving secretly, effectively doing their duty and demonstrably not molesting their heterosexual counterparts, undermines this rather ignorant and insulting claim. There's plenty of sexual harassment in the military — look at the shameful Tailhook scandal (for which, by the way, no convictions or punishments have been handed down) — but it's done to women by straight men, not to straight men by gays.

So, finally, the Pentagon finds itself reduced to suggesting that openly gay men and women, as opposed to closeted and witch-hunted queers, would alarm and upset the other soldiers. This is a capitulation to prejudice, and similar arguments were used — unsuccessfully — to protest the racial integration of the armed forces after World War II.

#### An army of lovers

Still, if the senior brass at the Pentagon are that concerned for the tender sensibilities of the common soldiers, there is a simple enough solution: segregated all-queer military units.

There is plenty of precedence for this in both military and American history. The first all-gay regiment documented was the "Theban Band," a battalion of Greek soldiers from the 4th century B.C., around the time of Alexander the Great. It was composed solely of gay couples, men who swore a life-long oath to serve next to each other in combat and to choose "death before dishonor." The theory was that this "army of lovers" would display such impressive solidarity that their line couldn't be broken, and in practice they

did beat the pants off virtually everyone, including the famous Spartans.

One could claim the mythical Amazons — the all-women army of the Homeric epics —

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as a lesbian unit, despite the historical uncertainty as to whether they ever actually existed. Certainly the soldiers of Julius Caesar — himself bisexual — were polymorphously perverse enough to give Sigmund Freud the hiccups. Several of the best British and German regiments have long traditions of queer officers predominating, and there is currently a semi-secret gay officers' society in the German army.

Closer to home in both time and space is the U.S. Army during World War II. Not only were there several all-black units, usually officered by anglos (and routinely assigned the most dangerous and distasteful posts), but there was a Japanese-American battalion as well. While their families rotted in concentration camps in the desert, these soldiers battled in the front lines to "prove their loyalty." I guess they must have succeeded, because they won more medals for bravery in combat than any comparable unit.

Like queers, the Japanese-Americans were unjustly accused of dubious loyalty. Like queers, they were shunned not because of any flaw of their own, but because of the prejudices of others. Like queers, they proved to be exemplary soldiers when given the chance.

So why not all-gay military

units? Nervous Marines would no longer have to worry about dropping the soap in the showers. The benefits would be numerous: few barracks, I'm sure, would be as tastefully decorated as those of the "Lavender Berets," few mess tables as well set as those in a queer submarine, and very few motor-pools as well run as those of the lesbian Marines!

Aren't segregated units a sign of discrimination, and don't they lend themselves to unfair treatment? Sure, but we're willing to put up with a little blatant hazing if we have to. The African Americans did; the Japanese Americans did; we'd prefer not to, but we will if that's what it takes to prove our point.

Can queers hold their own when it comes to fighting? Let's perform this simple test: put Chief of Staff Colin Powell, Bush's Token Negro Officer, up against any lesbian Marine officer for 15 rounds of hand-to-hand combat. I'll wager five-to-one that the Uncle Tom calls "uncle!" before it's over.

Queers can be good soldiers; currently many of us are good soldiers; and this issue is not going to go away because of some Marine Chaplain's "fairy" tales. If Powell and his reactionary ilk had much strategic sense they would be looking for a graceful way to retreat instead of pointlessly trying to hold a line that's been outflanked. They are pitting willful ignorance and blind prejudice against competence and honor. This is a foolish, uphill and thoroughly dishonorable struggle and I'll be surprised if they get out of it with their reputations intact. ▼

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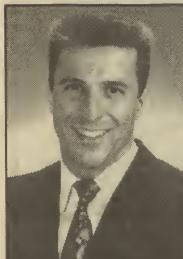
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## Miss Appropriation: Miss America

### United Press International

ALBANY, N.Y. — A \$1,200 fee paid to Miss America Leanne Cornett for speaking at a weekend AIDS exhibit was criticized by some AIDS activists, who said the money could have gone to better use.

"Does she need \$1,200 to do that when people are struggling and lacking medical services and lacking decent, affordable housing?" asked Albany AIDS activist Steve Baratta.

He said the fee amounted to a year's worth of food stamps for disabled people. Cornett spoke November

29 at an exhibit of 800 panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at the State Museum.

During her 20-minute speech, a man who identified himself as Steve Casey, a person with AIDS, asked Cornett whether she would donate any of her fee to AIDS charities.

"Sure, I have no problem with that," Cornett said. "Donating is just another way I volunteer." She said later she would give a percentage of the fee to an AIDS cause but had not determined how

much.

Cornett said she had volunteered at a home for babies with AIDS in her native Florida. The 21-year-old pledged upon being crowned Miss America September 19 to make AIDS her "platform" issue, saying she was moved by a 27-year-old friend who has the disease.

Museum Director Louis Levine said Cornett was worth the money, saying her presence gave the event a higher profile.

"I have no doubt there were people here because they were here to see Miss America," he said. ▼

# National Churches Snub MCC

by David Olson

The nation's largest religious federation has once again rejected a predominantly gay and lesbian church's bid for recognition.

The board of the National Council of Churches (NCC) voted 90-81 November 15 to not establish official ties with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFCMCC), which has 50,000 members in 264 congregations. UFCMCC was asking only for observer status, which would have allowed church representatives to participate in NCC discussions but would not have given them a vote.

After the decision was announced, UFCMCC members and lesbian and gay members of denominations that already belong to the NCC disrupted the convention, singing a gay rights song and waving banners.

"We are very angry and disappointed," said the Reverend Kit Cherry, ecumenical director for UFCMCC. "They are not able to live up to their mission of trying to bring justice into the world and to follow in Christ's footsteps."

Cherry said UFCMCC leaders are discussing what to do next. All that's been decided is that the group "won't go away."

"That would be letting them off too easily," she said. "There will not be a general meeting of the NCC in which they don't have to face gay and lesbian issues and the MCC."

UFCMCC first applied for membership in 1981, she said. In 1983, NCC rejected the request but kept open a dialogue with UFCMCC. The Fellowship then modified its bid, asking only for observer status. Although NCC rejected that proposal, too, the council's board opted to continue talking with UFCMCC.

The NCC represents more than 45 million people in Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, including large mainstream bodies such as the Episcopal, United Methodist, and Presbyterian (USA) churches.

NCC has a reputation for liberalism, but Cherry said the vote shows that the group "is not really able to live out their liberal values of standing with those who are oppressed."

NCC spokesman J. Martin Bailey did not return phone calls to this reporter, but he told *The New York Times* that the strongest opposition to membership came from Eastern Orthodox, Korean, and African-American denominations. Twelve of the 32 NCC denominations threatened to leave the council if the resolution passed, Bailey said.

Cherry said that the denominations that were singled out by Bailey "vocalized something a lot of liberals feel, too: homophobia, the fear of encountering gay and lesbian people, is widespread in most of the churches in the NCC."

In a statement, UFCMCC



San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church celebrated its 20th anniversary October 21. (Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

said, "The NCC took its actions today in order to preserve the unity of their organization. The result is not Christian unity but unholy and false unity. As United Methodist Bishop Roy Sano said nine years ago at an NCC governing board meeting, 'If the NCC and its members reject the UFCMCC, they may save their organization, but they are in danger of losing their souls!'

Although NCC refused the Fellowship's bid for observer status, it did approve a resolution opposing the November 3 Colorado referendum that legalized anti-gay discrimina-

tion throughout the state. The resolution also reaffirmed the NCC's 17-year policy of support for gay and lesbian civil rights.

Cherry accused the NCC of "schizophrenia."

"They say that they want civil rights for gay and lesbian people but they don't want to give us rights in their own backyard," she said. "That's a hollow call for justice. Denying us recognition contributes to the atmosphere of hatred and discrimination against gay and lesbian people."

Not all UFCMCC members were upset by the NCC deci-

sion.

"I don't give a damn what others think about me," said Wayne Bradley, lay pastoral leader of Chicago's Good Shepherd Parish Metropolitan Community Church. "Of course I'm frustrated that this happened, but it's not meaningful to me. It's more important to recognize yourself and accept yourself."

Bradley called the NCC action "un-Christian. They're rejecting brothers and sisters in Christ, and they don't have a right to do that." ▀

David Olson is a reporter for Chicago's Windy City Times.

## Cannabis Buyer's Club:

# A Real Grass-Roots PWA Organization

by Dennis Conkin

A non-profit organization has formed in Washington D.C. to provide medicinal marijuana to people with AIDS.

The Cannabis Buyer's Club, according to spokesperson Stephen J. Smith, will provide medicinal marijuana to PWAs to relieve AIDS-related nausea and loss of appetite.

The only product the group will market at first is hemp seed massage oil, which is not a controlled substance under federal or District of Columbia law and is therefore completely legal, according to Smith, a PWA. The CBC planned to begin distributing the oil, which is used to relieve dry skin and is not psychoactive, on December 1, World AIDS Day.

Smith said in a press statement that other forms of cannabis will soon be available to members of the buyers club. Although the oil is available by mail order, Smith said that when the group begins to distribute

cannabis, it will do so only within the District of Columbia because "district law permits personal possession of cannabis for medicinal purposes."

"With no cure for AIDS on the horizon, the U.S. government must allow the compassionate use of cannabis by people with AIDS. Anything less willfully perpetuates the AIDS genocide," the press statement read.

Smith said that cannabis will not be sold by the club, but that it will be given away "with the expectation that financial contributions will be accepted and should be sufficient to maintain our operating costs." People who cannot make contributions, however, will not be denied cannabis.

The non-profit buyer's club is patterned on the nationwide network of buyer's clubs that exist to provide AIDS patients with other anti-AIDS drugs and treatments.

For more information about the group, contact the CBC at 202-686-4688 or at P.O. Box 53359 Washington, D.C. 20009. ▀

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# 'Lay Clergy' Victims of Priest Abuse Speak Out

by Harold H. Martin  
United Press International

PHILADELPHIA — Victims of sexual abuse by priests say that although they welcomed their recent meeting with American Roman Catholic bishops, and are grateful for the bishops' statement of concern, they still feel caught in a nightmare of denial.

When the National Council of Catholic Bishops met in Washington two weeks ago, they dispatched Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia to Rome to negotiate with the Vatican for a quicker method of dismissing errant priests.

But for Ed Morris of Philadelphia, who has filed a lawsuit against the church and the priest he said sexually abused him for five years, the Bevilacqua mission means little.

"It's a distraction, a way to disassociate themselves," he said in a recent interview.

A spokesman for Bevilacqua's office said the situation was discussed, but no action taken.

Bishops have told victims of sexual abuse by priests that policies are in place in each diocese to deal with the situation. But the Survivors Network for those Sexually

Abused by Priests of Chicago, which goes under the acronym SNAP, said in a statement, "We feel that we have been wounded even further by church officials following those very policies. The policies are not working."

The policies, said Morris, "are still failing to address what to do about the people who are victimized."

Morris contends in his lawsuit that he was sexually abused by the Rev. Terrance Pinkowski, a Franciscan friar who was a teacher at Philadelphia's Archbishop Ryan High School and leader of a prayer group known as the Charismatics, which Morris joined in 1976, when he was 14.

Morris said he contemplated joining the priesthood and Pinkowski became not only his mentor and spiritual counselor, but a close family friend.

The abuse, he said, ended in 1981 when he started college and his own priestly ambitions came to an end after two years at the prestigious St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

But it wasn't until he was making plans to get married in 1989 that everything came to a head, he said. By then his relations with Pinkowski

were strained, the priest berating him for going out on dates.

"I started to realize that I was burying a lot of feeling. A lot of things started coming to the surface," he said.

He told his family that he wasn't inviting Pinkowski, who was still a close friend to his mother and father, to his wedding.

"I told them, 'Father Terrance isn't coming to my wedding because he sexually abused me.'

"I got a completely different response than I expected," said Morris. In a devoutly Catholic family like his, he said, "Making a charge against a priest is like kicking a crucifix. You just don't do it."

But his parents were supportive and his father contacted the diocese, and Pinkowski's order, headquartered in Pulaski, Wisconsin.

Morris said the provincial, or leader, of the Franciscan order promised to pay for therapy and take care of the priest, but all they did was transfer Pinkowski.

When the bills for therapy began mounting up and he questioned them, Morris said, "The provincial said, 'You were all screwed up before you met Father Terrance. Why should we pay for fixing



they go to to protect their own reputation and to attack the family," Morris said.

In 1985 a report written jointly by the Reverend Thomas Doyle, a canonical lawyer, Louisiana attorney Ray Mouton, and the late Reverend Michael Peterson recommended to the national bishops a national policy — one that would set up national reaction teams to reach out to victims. The policy, which would have been an admission that the problem existed, was never implemented.

"They seem to know how to form ministries for every other cause, but their own problems they treat like a numbers game — they're going to win some and lose some," Morris said. In a report published in 1989 it was said the church had paid at least \$30 million to victims of parish priests.

More than anything, said Morris, "I want reconciliation with the church." That is a sentiment other victims of abuse have expressed.

Morris went to Washington when the bishops were meeting in early November and met with them for nearly an hour.

"I went to extend my hand, they gave a goodwill gesture, and now it's time to follow up," Morris said.

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## Koala Kontroversy: The Bear Facts

by Dennis Conkin



(Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

A koala named after a marsupial keeper who died of AIDS will be moved from the San Francisco Zoo to the New Orleans' Audubon Park Zoo in mid-December, but not without controversy.

Little Leo, the second koala born in the zoo's Koala Crossing, is being moved to start a koala breeding colony at the Audubon Zoo, according to Nancy Schofield, local zoo curator. When Little Leo was born in late May 1991 he was named in honor of longtime marsupial keeper Leo Foster III.

The decision to send Little Leo to Louisiana concerns Frederick Warhaneck, the late Foster's lover.

"Sure, there's an emotional element to the thing," Warhaneck told the Bay Area Reporter. "I'd be silly to say there wasn't. But I'm also concerned about what the zoo is doing."

Warhaneck said that he was "extremely concerned that the zoo would send a breeding koala to a zoo where there was no female koala to mate with," which he believes could cause Little Leo to lose interest in breeding.

According to Schofield, the Audubon Zoo has made "a heavy duty commitment" to developing a koala program, and after meeting with zookeepers and architects, the San Francisco Zoo is satisfied that New Orleans has the technical expertise and facilities for such a breeding program.

Schofield acknowledged that although the Audubon Zoo is "on the list" to receive a female koala from the San

Diego Zoo, it could take as long as two years before the animal is sent to join Little Leo.

"It could be as early as a year, potentially," she said.

Schofield said that if the Audubon Zoo is unable to get a female koala, Little Leo would return to the San Francisco Zoo.

Schofield said that the zoo might be concerned about Little Leo's ability to survive in a new habitat if he were injured or an orphan, but "he's a well adjusted animal." Also, because the koala "is socialized and used to humans," depriving him of koala companionship will not unduly affect him. "It really is apples and oranges," she said.

The San Francisco Zoo has a total of six koalas: Little Leo, Karen, Clarry, Frosty, Pat, and Kay. Mating lasts only about 40 seconds and zookeepers quickly separate the pair *après l'amour*, since females have a strong urge to violently attack the males after the act is over. ▀

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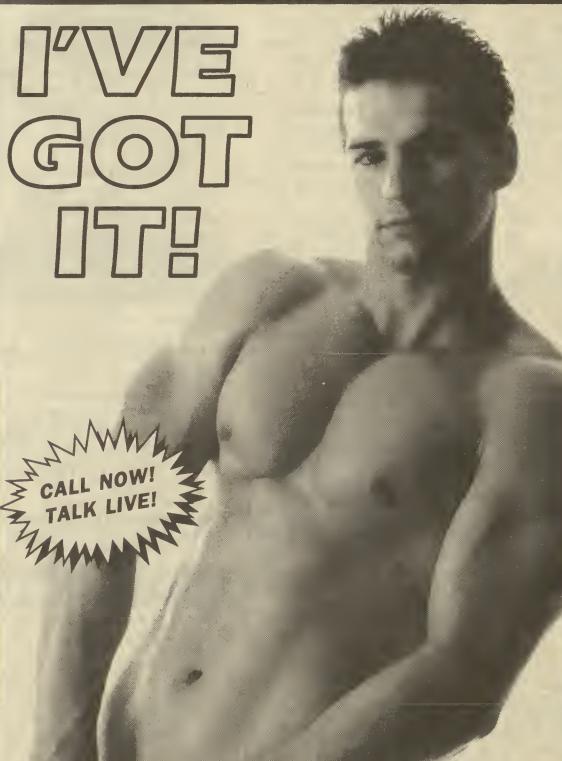
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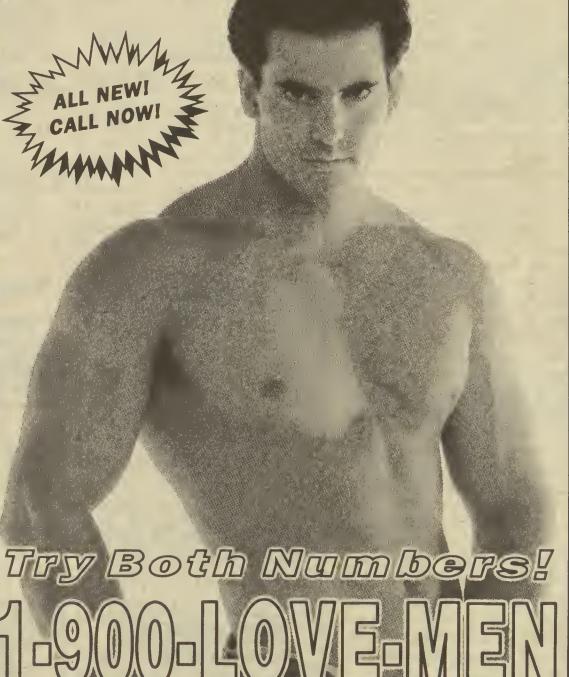
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# Teens Are Having Less Sex

by Charles S. Taylor

ATLANTA (UPI) - American teenagers appear to be reducing sexual activities, federal health officials reported November 19.

There have been significant declines in the percentage of high school students having sexual intercourse for the first time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in reporting the results of a three-year survey.

And among sexually active students there have been declines in the number of sex partners, the CDC reported.

There was no change, however, in the overall percentage of sexually active students using condoms, except among those under 15 where there was a reported increase from 46 percent to 57 percent.

The CDC said these findings were revealed in behavioral risk surveys taken among a representative sampling of 12,000 high school students in grades 9-12 in 1989, 1990, and 1991.

The surveys also showed that the percentage of students receiving AIDS infection instruction in school increased significantly during the three years, from 54 percent to 83 percent, as did the percentage of students who discussed AIDS or HIV infection with parents or other adults in their families, from 54 percent to 61 percent.

Lloyd J. Kolbe, director of the CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health, credited the decline of the students' sexual behavior partly to the growing trend toward teaching sex education in the classroom, and to discussions in the home about AIDS risks.

"The bottom line of all this is that we're cautiously optimistic that young people are beginning to reduce their risk of AIDS infection, but we're going to need several more years of data to know whether this is the beginning of a downward trend," Kolbe said.

"Probably the most important thing I can say at this time is we still have a long way to go to reduce risky [sexual] behavior among American high school students."

From 1989 to 1991, the percentage of students who reported ever having had sexual intercourse declined from 59 percent to 54 percent. The percentage of sexually active students having two or more sex partners dropped from 40 to 35 percent and those having four or more sex partners declined from 24 to 19 percent. Rates for reported intravenous drug use did not change - less than two percent of students reported this behavior.

Kolbe said that one out of every five people diagnosed with AIDS is in the 20-29 age group and that a "large proportion" of that group were infected as teenagers.

The CDC said reducing these risks requires implementing HIV education as part of the curriculum in kindergarten through the 12th grade. ▼

## Friday

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got star quality this town hasn't seen for years," wrote the wide-eyed columnist.

Meanwhile, over at City Hall they are warning one and all to not - repeat, do not - invite outgoing Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, Quentin Kopp, and Supe Bill Maher to the same holiday party.

People keep asking me what I think of district elections of supervisors; it's imperative; it's the reason Harvey Milk was elected, and with the sorry bunch now sitting on the Board (with the exception of Carole, Roberta and maybe a few others) district elections are way past due.

It has been duly noted that there was a total lack of San Francisco public officials at last week's candlelight march honoring Harvey Milk and George Moscone; San Mateo Supervisor Tom Nolan was the only officeholder attending. But as one organizer put it, "if election day had been December 3rd instead of November 3rd we'd have seen politicians and candidates galore."

Down south, the Los Angeles' mayor's race is heating up (nine candidates so far, for an election to be held in 1993) and the media was quick to

note that when Bill Clinton landed at Van Nuys airport last week to begin his weekend vacation, the only mayoral candidate invited to greet the president-elect was LA City Councilman Michael Woo, a favorite of that city's gay and lesbian community.

Say what? Callers to defeated senate candidate Bruce Herschensohn's campaign office last week heard a receptionist answer "Herschensohn for President, 1996."

Quote of the Week (by President-elect Bill Clinton): "We know that there have always been gays in the military, and we know, according to the study which was released near the end of the campaign, that it cost the United States taxpayers about \$500 million to get fewer than 17,000 gays out of the military over the last ten years. The issue is not whether there are gays in the military, it is whether they can be in the military without lying about it." Yes! Along with an "all-out fight" against AIDS, and a national gay rights bill, President-elect Clinton promised to put an end to discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. It undoubtedly will not happen overnight, but this man is honorable and we must believe he will bring real change - and hope - to our community. The years of the anti-gay Bush government are coming to an end, and it can't happen too soon. ▼

## Fresno

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Glaser. "He told me that God had no power and that Satan was really God and ... I don't know. He said a lot of strange things and they were overwhelming for me."

"The boy told Eyewitness News that he was once curious about homosexuality but now he calls himself 'non-sexual' since Forston attacked and raped him. No matter what the boy's sexual preference, there was a crime committed in the Forston home," Channel 4's Glaser reported, dropping the word "alleged."

"He's a child molester," the teenager told Glaser in the report about Forston's release. "How could they let him go free? I'm very afraid of this man. He scares me. He told me that he had killed people before and that he would kill me if I ever did anything to ruin his image. He told me all this before he raped me."

Off-handedly, Glaser reported at that time that Forston's family members had called to say there are no locks in the Forston home except on the front door and bathroom and that the homebound mother and invalid brother never heard of or saw

any teenagers in the house. Glaser also never questioned the computer expertise of a 16-year-old asked to "fix" the computer of a BBS systems operator.

In August, Forston's public defender Ralph Torres got married and left Forston's case. TV reporter Brian Glaser also moved on, leaving California after Fresno police arrested him for growing marijuana in his apartment.

But Forston's troubles seem never ending. Recently his elderly mother was institutionalized, apparently suffering from severe anxiety brought on by the lengthy case. And although his new public defender, Garick Byers, has appointed an investigator to dig up information, the *Bay Area Reporter's* own investigation into the case has apparently uncovered more evidence to date than the defense has.

By far the most troubling evidence involves the credibility of the young man making the rape charges, which was called into question by several Fresno gay men who identified themselves to the *B.A.R.* as his former friends. One, in fact, depicted him as a young man who "would do anything for attention."

Next week: *The accuser.* ▼

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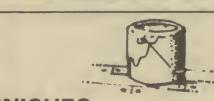
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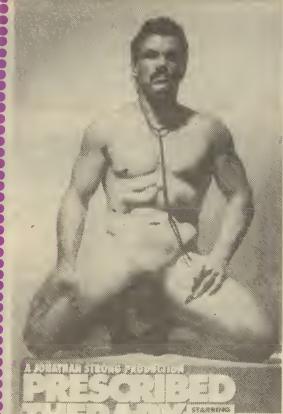
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# Here, Queer, and Almost On TV

by Paul Bollwinkel

In the fall of 1991, David Surber, a 31-year-old advertising executive from Orange County, took his first steps out of the closet. He must have very long legs because less than a year later — September to be exact — his ambitious and ambitiously marketed brainchild, Network Q, made it's nationwide debut.

Network Q is a targeted TV service like those offered on cable (A&E, Lifetime, etc.) but it isn't available yet. It comes in by mail every month on videotape. Subscribers pay a one-time membership fee and then about \$25 each month to receive a two-hour tape of political news, HIV updates, comedy, short films, interviews and travel segments, all hosted by the very able Surber. His company produces some segments while others are submitted by video producers and filmmakers; although there is some material specifically about lesbians, most of the network is geared toward gay men.

In the three months since the first installment, circulation has grown substantially. Heavy advertising in *The Advocate* has, according to Surber, lead to subscribers in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries.

### Queer Potential

Surber, who works with a non-gay partner (Tom Puckett), sees the videotape

phase of the network as temporary. "We, and many of you, recognize the tremendous potential of the queer audience. Once that potential is demonstrated, we believe a permanent channel will be possible."

In the meantime subscribers (or bar patrons — the marketing plan includes massive bar distribution) can look forward to a monthly tape of video they'd never вид on TV, much of it reflective of Surber's new-found sense of personal liberation.

Surber's transformation — going from the closet to totally out in a matter of months — was helped considerably by his attendance at "The Experience" workshop last March.

"For awhile I didn't even have the words to describe how different I felt. Rob Eichberg ("The Experience" facilitator) kept hitting on this theme of 'empowerment.' Finally it clicked that that was what I was feeling — more powerful."

Professionally, Tom and I have been involved in many film and video projects, so Network Q is a natural extension of what our company was already doing. And after the positive change this whole process had on me, I really am committed to helping create an environment which makes it safer to come out."

That's the goal of Network Q. But what's it really like? Who will it appeal to? And should you cancel your gay Uncle Cliff's *National Geographic* subscription this

Christmas and sign him up for Network Q instead?

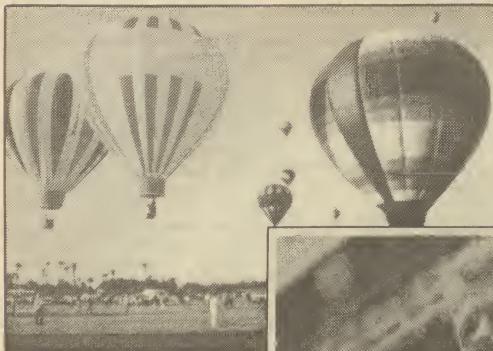
### Flashdance

The tapes feature flashy, colorful graphics and some MTV-inspired skip-frame video work. This gives the episodes a halting, jumpy quality that brings life to the often dead, too-real look of video. It may also give you a headache. There's a great variety of material, including some inspired off-the-wall comedy.

The look of Surber's original material is contemporary and youthful, but Network Q, like anything with a magazine format, is a mixed bag — some successes and some real clunkers. Because this pasture is all gay/lesbian-related, viewers may be more tolerant of some of the weaker material. Some of the best, like the October issue's full-length speech by Bill Clinton at a gay fundraiser in Hollywood (he makes his gays-in-the-military promise) is both historically significant and a joy to watch. You'll never see this on any other network.

Surber and Puckett's most inspired idea is to set each issue in a different city. So far, travel host Frank Butterfield has toured Santa Fe, Palm Springs, and Washington, D.C., dishing and camping with a group of locals who fill us in on each city's gay scene. Butterfield, a sort of likable class clown, has a quick wit and knows his way around a shopping mall. But in some segments, particularly the October issue's tour of Liberace's Palm Springs home, a little goes a long way. There are just too many witty gay men in the world to need a whole group of them making cracks about Liberace's tacky house. Besides, earlier that day we see the boys trying on fur coats in a Palm Springs salon — they pretty much for-

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High hopes: balloons soar over the southwestern plains and Bill Clinton promises to lift the ban on gays in the military on Network Q.



Second of Two Sections



'Melrose Place' Stoops to Conquer

## A Question of Courage

by Alan Frutkin

We can all count the number of gay characters who've had recurring roles on prime time television. There was Jodi Dallas on *Soap*, Steven Carrington on *Dynasty*, Melissa Steadman's friend, Russell Weller, on *Thirtysomething*, LA Law's bisexual attorney, C.J. Lamb, and Roseanne's boss, Leon Carp, at Rodbell's Restaurant last season on *Roseanne* (Roseanne's friend, Nancy, just announced she's a lesbian this season). So when Fox made one of its eight *Melrose Place* characters a gay social worker (Matt Fielding as played by Doug Savant), it was welcome news.

But since the show's premiere last July, Matt has played only a minor role in most episodes, and consequently, gay watchdogs have blasted the show for his low profile. On October 28, however, *Melrose* ran the first episode of a four-week storyline, in which Matt Fielding is the victim of a gay bashing and is subsequently fired from his job because he's gay. Again, welcome news. But what began as a promising look at issues rarely covered in prime time degenerated, in the final two weeks, into a trite and marginal plot line at best — a story so shallow, so contrived, that you had to ask yourself, was it worth it?

### First Time Out

The first episode of this "arc" — a series within a series — was a hard-hitting condemnation of gay bashing and job discrimination based on sexual orientation. At the top of the show, Matt leaves a gay bar and is assaulted by three white, queer-baiting, young homophobes. Somehow he makes it back to his apartment complex, where fellow *Melrose* star Jake Hanson (Grant Show) finds Matt beaten and bloodied, and takes him to the hospital. After they file a police report with two apparently unsympathetic cops, Jake suggests that he and Matt get some baseball bats, find the gay bashers themselves, and administer justice accordingly.

It is Matt, however, who serves as the voice of reason here. It is Matt who tempers his own anger and refutes violence as a means to justice — a strong, levelheaded, dignified portrayal of a gay character — on television, no less. What a concept! But the most important message the show conveys to its young "target" audience here is the pairing of Jake and Matt. Jake is the show's resident stud. He's hot and hunky; he's extremely macho (he's a construction worker, for Pete's sake); and he's very straight. Yet without a second thought, Jake befriends Matt; he stands by him. It's a powerful image,

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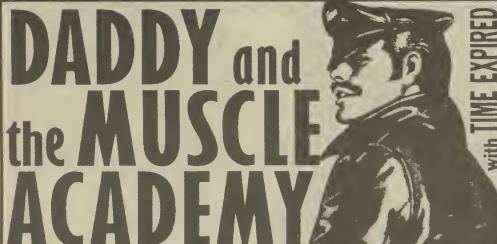
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## The Annals of Queerdom

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

Looks like the late **Doris Fish**, drag queen extraordinaire, will get her 15 minutes of fame posthumously. Troma Inc. of New Jersey has just signed on as distributor for San Francisco director Phillip R. Ford's drag extravaganza *Vegas in Space*. Scheduled for a spring '93 release, the Fish film (co-starring Miss X) debuted at this year's Sundance Film Festival. It is described as "depicting the glamorous, politically erect behavior on a doomed all-female, fun-plagued pleasure planet in the 23rd Century." Mairsey dotes and dozy dotes, and little lambsy divey ...

Unclear on the concept, Grand Prize Winner for 1992: **Michael Jackson**. Mr. Moonwalk, on his role as half-time entertainer at the upcoming Super Bowl, remarks "I can't think of a better way to spread the message of world peace than by working with the NFL and being part of Super Bowl XXVII." With credits like the Super Bowl and that car-bashing episode from the original "Black or White" video, the Nobel Peace Prize committee should be calling Jackson any day.

New from Warner Books, **James Dean: Little Boy Lost**, "the definitive biography." Dean reportedly told sometime lover **Jonathan Gilmore**, "I've had my cock sucked by some of the big names in Hollywood." A girlfriend of Dean's reports hearing an unnamed man say to Dean, "I want to cock you." (It was the '50s, okay?) A few days later Dean showed up at her apartment complaining, "Oh, god, my ass hurts." There is no suggestion of an intervening episode of horseback riding.

Speaking of horse's what-  
ers — the new issue of *Spy* features a full-page photo of Orange County icon, **John Wayne**, in hip-high, tight-tight hound's-tooth shorts and ladylike espadrilles, circa 1952. This tawdry yet timeless display suggests low hangers and a basket worthy of a small ad in the Personals section.

A wolf in grandma's clothing? Also in *Spy*, "The 100 Worst People and Events of 1992." Weighing in at No. 49, **Barbara Bush**. Recently self-outed gossip columnist **Billy Norwick** asked Babs at a luncheon about the GOP's attitude toward "women, intellectual Jews, and gays. As two of those ..." The nation's grandmother interrupted snappily, "Which two are you?" This *bon mot* comes from a woman who, you will remember, received \$900,000 in 1991 for impersonating a Springer Spaniel in print.

And at No. 10, **Madonna**. After blowing out a mega-decibel speaker at her New Year's Eve party, she shouted at the newly deaf, "Give me a fuckin' break, so I blew a fuckin' speaker." In a public theater, when someone in a paparazzi documentary called her a fucking bitch, the most famous woman in the world yelled at the screen, "That's right, I'm a fucking bitch!" And when a customs

not bear seeing the fear in the eyes of his fellow players after he was scratched during that exhibition game." Her friend responds with, "I wonder if they realize they're not nearly as vulnerable playing ball with Magic now, as they were playing women with him before."

The *LA Times* attributes the relative failure of **Garth Brooks'** country single, "We Shall Be Free," to prejudice. The song is the first Garth Brooks single in three years to miss Billboard's list of top ten country releases. His call for racial and sexual tolerance evidently made radio program directors nervous, resulting in little air play. The lyrics suggest we will only be free, "When we're free to love anyone we choose." Brooks told the *Times* reporters, "Tolerance is an important issue to me. Just like we might today ask our grandparents how anyone could have ever judged a man by his skin, our grandkids will say, 'How could anyone ever think someone's sexual preference affected how their mind works?'" The single is included on Brooks' new album, *The Chase*.



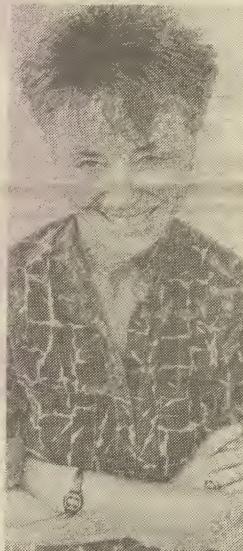
The late Doris Fish — no bush  
(Photo: Steve Savage)

officer asked her for an autograph, she wrote "Fuck you" and handed the paper over.

The revised edition of *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* is out. There are listings for Spielberg, Steven; spin-doctor; shuttle diplomacy; Mandela, Nelson; and "queer," whose sixth iteration is still defined as "Offensive slang. Gay, homosexual." Ciccone, Madonna Louise isn't listed, but her favorite word may be found on page 732.

Things that make you go hmmmm, No. 999. The fall catalog from the Johnson Smith Company entitled *Things You Never Knew Existed and Other Items You Can't POSSIBLY Live Without!* is having a Magic season. For \$3.99 they offer **Magic Johnson's** non-fiction book, *What You Need to Know About AIDS*. In the same edition, the company also offers a life-sized cardboard cutout of Magic, which they suggest is "great for bedroom, sports events, etc."

But the November 23 edition of the *SF Examiner*, was going for tainted blood with their publication of a **Barbara Brandon** cartoon that shows two women gossiping Magically. One lady opines, "Magic said he could



Barbara Hammer — burning bush

Speaking of tolerance — the current issue of the *Christian American*, **Pat Robertson's** bimonthly newsletter, has a special article devoted to **Barbara Hammer's** film, *Nitrate Kisses*. The film, which received \$20,000 in NEA funding, contains explicit images of lesbian and gay couples having sex. The article insists that infamous lesbian-bashing lesbian, **Anne-Imelda Radice**, NEA chairwoman, will try to get that money back — all \$20,000 — on the grounds that Hammer's grant request promised she would be reinterpreting "the ancient Biblical myth of Genesis 19." The author rants and raves about people who write grants for one thing, then do something else after they get the money. But we think Ms. Hammer will have the last laugh on this one (she certainly deserves to move to the head of the class in *Grant Writing 101*). Genesis 19, as any good Jew or Christian should know, tells the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. ▼



Barbara Bush

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## Performance

Latino Psyche in Your Crotch—and Your Face

# Unleash the Beans, Queens

by Gilberto Sanchez

Even if you've never wondered about the coincidence that the name "Castro Street," the main drag of the world's queer capital, derives from a Hispanic surname, *Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche* promises to make queer Latino consciousness unforgivingly entertaining and enlightening. You need not fear the chasm of communication dividing queer Latinos from non-Latino queers—or for that matter queers from Latinos, queers from queers, Latinos from Latinos, or Latin Americans from Americans. The show's writer-performers guarantee that if you speak Spanglish well enough to order at Taco Bell, you'll get it. And you don't need to "run to the border" to catch this act—just get your *nalgas* down to Josie's Cabaret.

Monica Palacios, Albert Antonio Araiza, and Luis Alfaro collaborate in an interwoven series of comic and dramatic skits which they perform solo or in ensemble. As might be expected, the show combines the trio's respective bailiwicks: stand-up comedy, method acting, and performance art. Although based in Los Angeles, these veteran theatre artists also have a following in the Bay Area.

### Torrid Trio

Palacios promotes herself as a "writer/performer Aztec god who turned short stories into a comedy act." In the early-to-mid 1980s, she was a regular attraction at San Francisco's Valencia Rose, Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day celebrations, and a host of other venues where she performed as a duo with Marsha Gomez. More recently Palacios has been touring with her bold "one-mujer" show, *Latin Lezbo Comic*, which was featured in Los Angeles on KCET's *Life & Times*. Her short stories can be found in the anthologies *Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About* and *Lesbian Bedtime Stories, Volume II*.

Araiza is best remembered

locally for his successful production of *Meat My Beat*, presented last season by Theatre Rhinoceros after an 11-month run in Los Angeles and preceding a European tour. A self-proclaimed "guerrilla artist/performance anarchist/HIV optimistic LA native Buddhist," he writes, directs, and performs, and is currently the co-artistic director of the Alice B. Theatre in Seattle, Washington. An excerpt from his latest work, *H.I.Vato*, is part of the show at Josie's.

Presented by San Francisco's Climate Theatre and Life on the Water, Luis Alfaro was a highlight of this year's Solo Mio Festival. A playwright in residence with the Mentor Playwrights' Program at the Mark Taper Forum, he is a widely acclaimed performance artist, poet, and short story writer as well. His play *Bitter Homes and Gardens* not only opened the Forum's New Theatre Works Festival this year but also won the 1992 Hispanic Playwrights Award.

### Mutual Attraction

After a lengthy period of mutual interest in each other's careers, the three finally met nearly two years ago while sharing the bill at the National Gay and Lesbian Performance Festival in Santa Ana. Coincidentally, they all got involved in the Teatro VIVA/AIDS Outreach Project where Araiza was then project director. In the short time of their collaboration, they have received attention comparable to what they each enjoyed as soloists. *Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche*, the trio's first joint venture, premiered last July as part of the Ecce Lesbo/Ecce Homo Festival at Highways in Santa Monica, patron saint venue of the self-anointed Aztec god, Palacios. As the santos would have it, Donald Montwill of Josie's caught the act and booked it for a San Francisco run. Now the ensemble's work is slated to be featured in an upcoming edition of Yale's *Drama Review*.

According to Alfaro, the



Luis Alfaro (with piñata) Albert Antonio Araiza, and Monica Palacios headline at Josie's  
(Photo: Becky Villasenor)

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group intends "to create a seamless, three-person, collaborative work about lesbian/gay/Latino issues—emphasizing Latino." Especially during the last decade, queer writers have infused the theatre world with a protean proliferation of work addressing this community's concerns, most notably AIDS and coming out. However, with the distinguished exception of Chicana/Lesbian playwright Cherrie Moraga, whose *Heroes and Saints* is discussed in last month's edition of *American Theatre*,

the voices representing queers in the United States tend to be white, male, and middle-class. "As Chicanos, we stand with one foot on each side of a border," continues Alfaro, "not the one between the U.S. and Mexico, but the one between Latinos and queers. As a result we become invisible in two different worlds."

While revealing xenophobia among queers, the trio is quick to acknowledge homophobia in communities of color. Despite transcending ethnic stereotypes through the vehicles of culture and education, as these artists have, homosexuality is condemned by the dominant Catholic, Latino patriarchy at large. Last month's repeal of gay rights laws in Colorado, formerly part of Mexico, where reports of queer murders are on the

rise, is not a far cry from a similar action by the Nicaraguan government earlier this year.

*Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche* attempts to illuminate these conflicts through satire, pathos, ritual, and celebration. The irreverence of Frida Kahlo doing stand-up comedy, the heartbreak of piñata phobia, or the menace of Coors on the rampage are ways Palacios, Araiza, and Alfaro look beyond cultural division for a new common denominator of love between Latinos and queers. ▼

*Editor's note: Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche plays at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint through Dec. 13. Call 861-7933 for more information.*

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# High Hengst

by Elliott Linwood

**A**rtist Cliff Hengst has been showcased in premier art venues for several years now. His unassuming yet conceptual approach to visual work, as well as the sincerity apparent in his monologist performances are swiftly becoming his trademark. Hengst's quietly simple work is among the most elegant "funk" art being made today. It unfurls slowly at first, but the haunting quality of the work stays with the viewer long after the experience is over.

*Elliott Linwood: Your recent month-long series of weekly performances at Art Space that ended on December 3.*

ber 1 coincided with the show you're in at The Lab called "Without." This show is a little different than the work you had in the "Situacion" show at New Langton, and the "Real Tears" show at the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery over the last year. What are some of your recent shifts in direction?

**C**liff Hengst: The work I'm doing now is different for me because I'm used to having the reference of text in the work, almost as a safety net. In my piece at The Lab I'm down to a single word on paper. Ultimately I'd like to try to get away from that strategy completely.

I'm doing stuff now that involves a cheap glamour kick.

I've just finished reading *A Low Life in High Heels*, the Holly Woodlawn story. She's really alive! In the most un-stuffy terms she is in so much control.

*Did cheap glamour surface as an interest while you were in art school?*

No. It came up as soon as I stopped doing any work at school. I entered the Art Institute as a painter then switched over to performance.

*So you really started making art well after you were through with art school?*

Yes, because I didn't know what I was going to do. At the time I'd been doing a lot of performance work which involved really fucking around with the audience. I would get the spectators all settled in with an expectation that what they were about to take in was going to be fabulous. Then I'd turn on them. But after a while that, too, became a formula. It's a bad-boy aesthetic that gets very tiresome.

So I told myself if I was going to do work I'd have to start at the bottom. When I started I just did pen and ink drawings of things like race cars and monsters — anything that was really big for me in the seventh grade — except that now there was a big education behind it. In a show of this work about three years ago, I lined them up along the wall at the height I was when I was in the seventh grade. That was the first thing.

The second thing I did were the lists. These were purely a reaction to buying a bunch of sketch books that I just could not draw in. I'd sit there and not draw anything. So I'd make these lists like: books of the Bible, cities that start with a "D," places I've been, etc. That's when I did the list pieces like the ones in the "Situacion" show.

*What is your sense of these personal indices, or low art forms in general for that matter?*

There is this big move-



Cliff Hengst — reformed bad boy

As a kid I really wanted to impress people. So I would read all these glamour magazines and then drop names.

all, the game show type that never goes all the way.

*How does the appearance of the fag hag in your work fit into this glamour continuum?*

When I first started going to gay discos I noticed women with some of the men. They were typical fag hags; girls who dressed themselves up and held their friends' hands as they walked onto the disco floor. They were always amazing, fun to talk to and share our problems with. This happened in an honest sexual environment where they'd say stuff like, "I wish you were straight, then you could fuck me."

I've begun thinking a lot about the incredible place of the fag hag in the homosexual community. There are many strong women in my life, that I have not given proper respect to, who helped me grow. The piece at The Lab called "Fag Hag" came out of recognizing the loss experienced by many really tough women out there who have lost a lot of their friends.

*How does subtlety function in your work?*

This may sound corny but I'm interested in achieving a sense of poetry and metaphor in what I do. For instance in "Fag Hag" there's the ultra ordinariness of this stupid \$5 lamp and a piece of paper, that slowly unfolds if you spend time with it. The red light has connotations of disco, sex, etc. The subtlety of red light on the red ink spelling the word "fabulous," which is a gay word, allows it to eventually pop out at you. The shape of the lamp, as a woman leaning over to look into the casket of her dead friend, condenses the potential of cheap glamour into the beauty of the ordinary. ▼

*Editor's Note: Cliff Hengst's work can be seen until December 19 in the group show, "Without" at The Lab, 1807 Divisadero Street. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Call 346-3043 for more information.*

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## Melrose

(Continued from page 33)

like the first time you saw a white kid and a black kid playing together on television. It looks natural and routine, but you know it's not.

Visibly bruised from the beating, Matt returns the next day to work at the halfway house he manages in Hollywood. A detective from the LAPD Hate Crimes Division arrives at the shelter to speak with Matt about the gay bashing. Matt's boss, who didn't know Matt was gay, discovers that fact now. And though it's obvious that Matt is an effective, well-trained social worker, he is summarily fired for not engendering the kind of "family values" the shelter's troubled teens need.

Sure, it's a stretch — after all, it's Los Angeles we're talking about, not Ames, Iowa. And Matt works for a halfway house, not a Fortune 500 company. You'd think his boss would have more experience with non-traditional lifestyles. But — given the prominence that the issue of gays and lesbians in the military has received recently in national headlines, given Colorado's passage of the anti-gay measure known as Amendment 2, given the recent diatribes delivered against lesbians and gays at the Republican National Convention this summer — what this plot lacks in plausibility, it makes up for in relevance.

### Second Thoughts

After coming out of the starting gate with such strength, I was surprised that in the second episode of this "arc," Matt received noticeably less air time than he did in the first. Matt decides to file suit against his ex-employer, but after speaking to an attorney, he discovers how expensive it is and reluctantly turns to his parents for help. Ah, the obligatory parent scene — an unsympathetic father, the loving but helpless mom. It's a bit too cut and dried. At this point, what began as a plot line with the potential for depth became standard, one-dimensional television fare. We see Matt's life in a vacuum. His character as a gay man is not developed. Throughout this crisis, the only friends we see him with are straight. Surely, he must have gay friends who are as concerned about him as is Jake. He may even have love interests of which we're unaware. Everyone else on the show does. Why can't he?

Giving the show the benefit of the doubt, plus realizing the importance of establishing Matt's character and setting down the exposition of this



Doug Savant — big hands, small part (Photo: Timothy White)

storyline, I had hoped that the show's writers might be courageous enough, in the third episode, to explore these other facets of Matt's personality. Surprisingly,

Matt's story was completely sidelined; he wasn't even seen in any background shots!

You'd think, for continuity's sake alone, there'd be a reference made to the progress of his health or to his case, but there was nothing. And his conspicuous absence from this episode underscored the obvious trepidation with which the show was pursuing this storyline.

### Last Chance

As if to wash their hands of the whole thing once and for all, in the fourth and final episode of this "arc," all the loose strings of Matt's story were tied neatly in a knot. His attorney informs him that the halfway house has agreed to offer him his job back; they'll even throw in \$10,000 for his trouble, if he settles out of court. For purely selfish reasons — publicity, self-promotion — Matt's attorney pushes him to pursue the court case, and perhaps win a settlement as large as \$100,000. But all Matt wants is his job back — he misses

those kids, and \$10,000 is more than he had hoped for. And what will he do with that ten grand? Why, start a legal aid fund for people who have been discriminated against because of sexual orientation, of course! This man is a saint!

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month, a once low-profile television character has gone from social worker to Joan of Arc. What's more disturbing, however, is that if you sat down and watched this final episode without having watched the previous shows, you might not figure out that he's gay; that's how few references are made to his sexuality. And shouldn't there have been an apology scene between Matt and his boss? I had the feeling that all the writers wanted to do was to get out of this script and get out clean. By "sanctifying" Matt, they incur no recriminations, no more criticism from the gay community. They've done their job.

But it's not that simple.

Sure, it's only television, and I realize that Aaron Spelling is no enemy of gays and lesbians. After all, he is set to bankroll *And the Band Played On*. But until lesbians and gays assert more editorial control over Hollywood's scripts, we're stuck feeling grateful for any portrayal of lesbian and gay life on television — good, bad or otherwise. That must change. ▼

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# Thinking Big

**Tom of Finland**  
edited by Angelika Muthesius;  
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by Jeffery Kennedy

Judging by the beefcake Santa adorning the cover, this affordable and comprehensive German retrospective of legendary gay artist Tom of Finland's visual tributes to the butch male is targeted at Christmas gift-givers. The 134 homoerotic illustrations in black and white and color include drawings along with reprints of magazine covers, greeting cards, and comic strips that span his 30-year career.

#### The Man

Born in Finland in 1920, Touko Laaksonen was raised in a rural, academic household, where he grew up among farmers and loggers whose pumped-up musculature he found sexually appealing. A shy child who showed talent at an early age for music and drawing, he went to Helsinki in 1939 to study advertising and began illustrating the male forms he fetishized.

After being drafted, the blackouts of World War II gave Laaksonen opportunities to act out his sexual fantasies, but after the war, he returned to his artistic world, where he was a freelance illustrator by day and a cafe pianist by night. Reluctant to show his homoerotic drawings to the public, Laaksonen sent a few samples at the urging of a friend to *Physique Pictorial* in 1956, using the pseudonym Tom of Finland. His drawings quickly found an appreciative audience, and by 1973, Tom of Finland could afford to quit his day job and concentrate on creating his highly stylized renditions of ultra-virile gay figures and establishing his own company, as well as making frequent trips to the United States, where he was embraced by such artists as Robert Mapplethorpe. Veli, Tom of Finland's companion for 28 years, died of throat cancer in 1981, and Tom of Finland died of a stroke in 1991.

#### The Work

All of Tom of Finland's gay male characters (he also drew heterosexual women in erotic contexts) — including cops, soldiers, and construction workers — are hyper-real hymns to "masculinity" with beer-can-sized baskets or mammoth stiff cocks that appear bizarrely animate. Yet Tom of Finland's renderings are decidedly feminine. He mostly worked with charcoal, a soft medium that gives his drawings a blurred, even tender edge. And his supernumeraries closely resemble Vargas girls with stubble.

Whether they're standing in bars or riding motorcycles, wearing jeans, uniforms, leather, or nothing at all, ballooned buttocks bulge, mammary-sized pecs protrude (with exaggerated teat-like nipples), and slim waists girlishly taper. Despite the butch accessories and situations, Tom of Finland's gentle



Tom of Finland's Christmas Cover Boy

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strokes and his penchant for curvaceousness evoke vanity, delicacy, and other traits regarded as feminine.

In the introduction, Valentine Hooven III applauds the supposed effect Tom of Finland's drawings had on reinventing gay self-image. He writes, "When Tom's work was first published, homosexuals thought they had to be imitation women, and spent their lives hiding in the shadows. Thirty-five years later, gays were much more likely to be hard-bodied sun-lovers in boots and leather, masculinity personified."

Well, no matter how hard gay men work at it, they'll never accurately resemble the inflated, unreal dolls Tom of Finland drew. And the merit of exchanging one stereotypical role for another, the disdain for effeminacy, the fetishization of oppressors of gays, as well as the suggestion that masculinity equals body-builders in chaps, are questionable at best. Obsessively reconfiguring the body and donning costumes are attempts to become something one isn't by nature, to squash the self. Dressing up can be fun; however, one must be conscious that one is dressing up. Tom of Finland never acknowledged this distinction.

Also in the introduction, Tom of Finland is quoted as saying, "I work very hard to make sure that the men I draw having sex are proud men having happy sex." Considering the oppressive environment he created his homoerotic drawings in (a 1973 Hamburg exhibition of his work was looted by vandals), this stance is radical and deserves respect. In each of the drawings showing man-to-man interaction, the characters are cheerful and enjoying themselves, challenging the clichés that gay men are spiteful, doomed to unhappiness, and have no fun.

#### The Dilemma

*Tom of Finland* is an attractive, well-made book, and Tom of Finland was a talented artist. Despite the blown-up physical attributes and occasionally skewed perspective, some of his drawings, especially the color ones, are rendered with an impressive photographic realism. And it's uplifting to see representations of gay men enjoying sex. Yet Tom's role in establishing a gay sexual iconography based on the fetishization of utterly fantastic male musculature and historically anti-gay figures makes his politics (or lack of them) incredibly problematic. Perhaps the key to enjoying Tom of Finland's work is to not take it too seriously. ▼



Tuoko Laaksonen, better known as Tom of Finland

*Editor's note: The film, *Daddy* and the *Muscle Academy*, a Finnish documentary which tells Tom of Finland's life story, runs December 4-10 at the Castro Theatre. Call 621-6120 for show times.*

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# One Hit, One Miss

by Paul Thomason

**O**n more than one occasion when someone has asked why I love opera so much, I have put the Corelli/Stella recording of Giordano's *Andrea Chenier* on the stereo and played the last 10 minutes of the opera at wall-shaking volume. It is neither subtle nor profound. But it is passionate and full-blooded, and in a good performance, it always drives the audience wild.

Unfortunately, at the San Francisco Opera on Wednesday, November 25, the strong singing in the duet was much too late to save the largely tepid evening. While conductor Nello Santi elicited nice instrumental colors from the orchestra, there was no sweep, no momentum, and that dooms an opera like *Chenier*.

All three principals are making their local debuts in this run of performances. In the title role of the French poet who runs afoul of the Revolution and is condemned to death, Bruno Beccaria gave a performance not far from the Marx Brothers' idea of An Italian Tenor at the Opera. Given the unpleasantness of his voice, it truly is a mystery why he is singing in the world's great opera houses. His big fourth act aria received not a speck of applause.

Most of the interest cen-

tered on Aprille Millo as Maddalena, the young aristocrat who begins by poking fun at Chenier, then falls in love with him, and finally bribes a prison guard to let her take the place of another woman so the lovers can die together. Millo's personal publicity proclaims her "the best Verdi soprano today." So why would she waste a debut in what is essentially a tenor's opera, in a part which gives her little more than one aria and a couple of duets? The soprano did some lovely soft singing and ended her aria, "La mama morta," in a rich, full voice. If only she had made her debut earlier in the season in *Forza!*

Paolo Gavanelli was a strong asset as Gerard, a former servant in Maddalena's house who loves her and uses his commanding position in the Revolution to track her down and to condemn Chenier, before a change of heart leads him to help the lovers.

*Chenier* has a large supporting cast — all of whom were excellent. Michel Senechal's Abbe and Catherine Keen as the old blind woman Madelon were particularly notable.

Lotfi Mansouri's production is handsome, especially the use of perspective for the outdoor setting of Act Two. Raising the massive prison set at the end of the Act Four to reveal the guillotine is a nice way to deal with the awkward, rather gratuitous 12 measures of orchestral music



John Allee's Puck — *Midsummer's winter standout.*

If you love opera — or even if you are merely curious — do not miss this opportunity to experience the art form at its best.

the composer wrote after the love duet.

#### Don't-Miss Opportunity

It would be difficult to think of an opera more unlike

*Chenier* than Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which was revived last Sunday afternoon in a production new to the company and under the superb direction of John Copley with John Mauceri conducting.

In almost 30 years of opera going, I have seldom had the pleasure of hearing such a strong, consistent cast in such a lushly beautiful setting, all in service to the dramatic and emotional point of the work. If you love opera — or even if you are merely curious — do not miss this opportunity to experience the art form at its best.

Britten and his lover, tenor Peter Pears, adapted the libretto from Shakespeare's comedy of love, misunderstanding, supernatural intervention (both bad and good), and reconciliation. It is a credit to the cast that we really did not need the subtitles to understand the English words, and in the case of Puck, a speaking part played by an acrobat (John Allee in a very successful San Francisco Opera debut), subtitles seemed rather silly, almost as if one were checking to see if Puck forgot any lines.

No one is likely to walk out humming any of Britten's music, with the possible exception of the lullaby the Fairies sing to Tytania at the end of Act One. But the ravishing score deftly highlights the emotional and dramatic action. Britten also has a definite tonal palate for each group of characters. For instance, the Fairies are all boy sopranos, while Oberon and Tytania, King and Queen of the Fairies, are countertenor and coloratura soprano and

accompanied by instruments like harps, celesta, glockenspiel, and high strings. The Lovers are conventional soprano, tenor, etc. and accompanied with the usual opera orchestra, and The Rustics, with two tenor exceptions, are sung by lower male voices with heavy orchestration.

Sylvia McNair's San Francisco debut as Tytania was auspicious. Her silvery but warm voice, agile coloratura, and charming stage presence need to be used here often in a variety of roles. Countertenor Brian Asawa was a revelation. Exactly the opposite of my previous experiences with countertenors in the theatre, he sang musically, strongly (and not in any way effeminate), with a sweet, pure voice, which is exactly what one needs as the King of the Fairies. One hopes a revival of Handel operas is planned around Asawa.

Kurt Streit (Lysander), Catherine Keen (Hermia), David Malin (Demetrius) and Susan Patterson (Helena) were superb, both vocally and dramatically. Donald Adams' Bottom was exactly to the point, as were all The Rustics. Steven Cole was especially enjoyable as Flute, whose affectionate mimicry of Joan Sutherland's Mad Scene from *Lucia* (complete with red wig) during The Rustics' play-within-the-opera brought down the house. ▼

*Editor's note:* Andrea Chenier plays through December 13, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through December 12 at the SFO. Call the box office at 864-3330 for more information.

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Brian Asawa (left) as Oberon and Sylvia McNair as Tytania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
(Photo: Larry Merkle)

## Symphony

Guest Conductor as Starlet

# Podium Parade

by Philip Campbell

With his November 17 announcement that he will depart at the end of the 1994-95 season, San Francisco Symphony Music Director Herbert Blomstedt initiated a search that may place every visiting conductor in the position of auditioning for the vacancy. There is plenty of time to make a choice, but the process will be difficult and, while many will want the job, lots of stars wouldn't dream of staying in a cold northern outpost on the Pacific Rim.

The most recent faces at the Davies Hall podium take on added interest in light of this development. Could Associate Conductor Alasdair Neale, director of the Youth Symphony, possibly be ready for the big time? Would Kent Nagano, glamorous leader of the Berkeley Symphony, even consider leaving his exciting assignments at France's Opera De Lyon for the fundraising duties and conservative programming of San Francisco?

### Preistly Performance

Certainly the most notable debut of this season was James DePreist's. Music director of the Oregon Symphony since 1980 and now in his second season as principal conductor of the Malmo Symphony in Sweden, Maestro DePreist was commanding in every respect with a magnificent Prokofiev Fifth Symphony and a loving approach to Faure's charming suite from *Pelleas et Melisande*. He framed principal cellist Michael Grebanier's workman-like performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto with a care worthy of Yo-Yo Ma.

A great lumbering bear of a man, DePreist cannot fail to rivet attention the moment he walks onstage. Stricken with polio in 1962, he must use canes for support. He sits while conducting. He is also black, an uncommon sight in a predominantly white profession. Physical characteristics aside, the orchestra was clearly ready to follow his expert guidance, and their performance glistened. Of course, he's an American, and local snobs look to Europe first. But since DePreist assumes leadership of the Monte Carlo Philharmonic in 1994, he might not notice being out of the race.

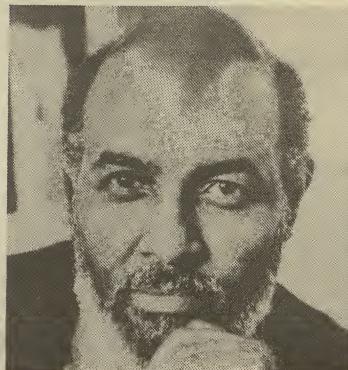
### Czech Sexy

Czech conductor Libor Pesek probably blew his chances when he revealed a long-term extramarital affair to Symphony Board Presi-

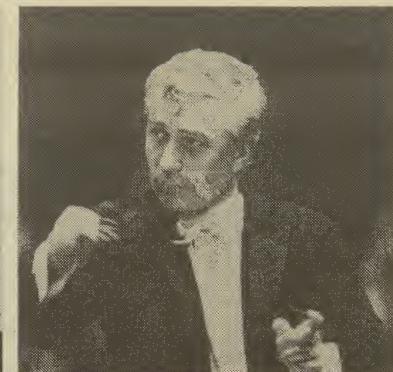
dent Nancy Bechtle over lunch. La Bechtle promptly leaked the news (which seems unlikely to faze even Madame Pesek) to Herb Caen. It made for some giggly copy, but matters little if one recalls the legendary exploits of the much-married former music director, Edo de Waart.

Pesek won the admiration of his fellow musicians and produced a concert of uncommon interest and accomplishment. It seems a scandal that it took this long for a great American violin concerto to be heard in San Francisco, but the adventurous Czech lent dynamic support to Robert McDuffie's virtuoso performance of William Schuman's masterwork. Pleasantly surprised audiences responded with enthusiasm.

Libor Pesek is currently principal conductor and artistic adviser of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. He is also conductor-in-residence of the Czech Philharmonic. With or without his mistress, he is a



James DePreist (left) and Libor Pesek, guest conductor



talent worth watching.

Some of the bigger names scheduled for later this season include Robert Shaw (too old, too stuffy and, reportedly, in poor health); Andre Previn (still in Los Angeles and hardly in need of a full-time directorship); Seiji Ozawa (he's already had us and now he's got the prestigious Boston Orchestra); Valery Gergiev (an interesting career on the horizon — Russians are hot these days); David Zinman (ho-

hum); Richard Hickox (too specialized in early music and the English repertoire); and Vladimir Ashkenazy (dream on).

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## Soul Man

**Shards: Restoring the Shattered Spirit**  
by Walter Cooper: Health Communications Inc., \$12

by Robert Julian

Walter Cooper's first book is a tiny but persistent light for those who travel a mystical path. This former advertising copy writer turned artist combines autobiography, myth, quotations, and aphorisms in a seemingly random fashion, hoping the readers can take the pieces of his puzzle and assemble a whole of their own.

The shards referred to in the title are pieces of clay Cooper picks up in the New Mexico desert near his home.



physical truth, surrounded by simple illustrations of his own design.

A gay man in his forties, Cooper keeps sexuality in perspective. He must have realized that, in the spectrum of life's events, it is ultimately an insignificant footnote. But he acknowledges his sexual preference and offers several thoughts on the subject.

*We have no more choice over our sexual orientation than we have over our skin tone or our eye color.*

Many are hundreds of years old, remnants of lost Indian civilizations, tiny sections which recall the intricacies of lost designs for living. Cooper's prose offerings are similar remembrances, fragments of thought aspiring to meta-

*We have no more choice over our sexual orientation than we have over our skin tone or our eye color. Around puberty, we usually develop sexual feelings toward the opposite sex or toward those of our own sex. Either way, there need be no shame involved. The great diversity to be found in the erotic garden of the senses is clearly part of the plan. Unless we express our sexuality fully and without fear, whatever stripe it happens to be, we deny our own healthy functioning and self-esteem.*



### Buried Alive

The late David Wojnarowicz buried himself in Death Valley sand for this untitled self-portrait. Part of a group show at The Lab, 1807 Divisadero, this portrait is one of many works which deal with our collective loss resulting from the AIDS epidemic. The exhibit runs Wednesdays through Sundays until December 19. Call 346-4063 for more information.

### Finding His Place

Cooper's work is both compelling and refreshing in its simplicity. But I must acknowledge that all pretense to critical impartiality went out the window when I discovered that Cooper's favorite author on the subject of metaphysics is also my own: Joel S. Goldsmith.

The late Goldsmith, a former Christian Science practitioner, wrote many books on healing and spirituality, founding a movement known as "The Infinite Way." Although his books are still in print, the movement (at Gold-

smith's insistence) ended with his death. Cooper writes nothing that his mentor would object to, nor does he attempt to imitate his predecessor.

Cooper's insights come from a gnostic tradition, one which emphasizes that the only true knowing comes from within. But he avoids moralizing and infuses a gentle sense of humor into his work, as in this refreshing take on the iconoclasm of Jesus.

*Jesus, too, seems to have chosen an unconventional lifestyle and his titanic legacy transformed the world forever.*

*er. Why then are we so intolerant of those who choose to live their lives differently from us? It can be of no small significance that Jesus lived and worked outside the mainstream of his time. Nowhere in the Gospels, for example, do we find Mary or Joseph admonishing their boy, "Jesus, find yourself a nice Jewish girl, settle down, get married, raise a family."*

In *Shards*, in his own quiet way, Cooper combines personal wisdom with mysticism and fashions a work he can both be proud of and the reader can be enlightened by.



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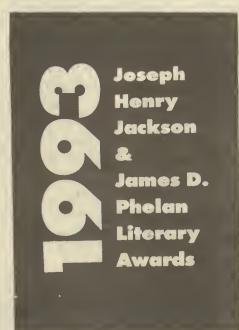
### Community

## Local Literary Awards

Application forms are now available for the Joseph Henry Jackson and James D. Phelan literary awards. Each of these awards carries a \$2,000 prize. For an application send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jackson/Phelan Literary Awards, c/o Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Applicants must be between 20 and 35 at the time of the contest deadline (January 31, 1993), and those applying for the Phelan award must have been born in California, though not necessarily a current resident. Those applying for the Jackson award must be residents of Northern California or Nevada for at least three consecutive years prior to the contest deadline. Nonfiction writers who apply for either award but are not selected as winners will automatically be considered for the \$1,000 Mary Tannenbaum Award for nonfiction prose.

Submissions for both awards should be unpublished works-in-progress in the fields of fiction (novel or short stories), nonfiction



prose, poetry, and in the case of the Phelan award, drama as well. Eligible writers may submit one application form and manuscript for either or both of the awards.

Manuscripts must be no longer than 100 double-spaced pages, typed on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, with a title page that gives the work's title and the applicant's name and address, and must be forwarded with a completed application to the address listed above by the deadline date. Winners will be announced on or about June 15, 1993. ▼

# Cram Sessions

by Tom Bacchus

When I was in college, my favorite fuck-buddy roommate (yes, it was convenient) Tim told me endless tales of his fraternity days before he got kicked out for fucking too many guys. Just like many frat houses, if you want to join *The Inner Circle*, you usually have to endure some kinky sex rituals. Such is the case in this tape. There's no cliche robed hooded spanking session, but the sex is topnotch.

First scene: Adam Archer, who slightly resembles Patrick Swayze if he were gay, muscular, and a vicious bottom, endures surely one of the longest butt-play sessions in porn history. A skinny, not-so-handsome Steven Hill plows him with a finger, two fingers, four fingers, a steel knob, a black dildo, and his dick, in that order. What makes it special is Archer's gymnastic ability to keep his legs high in the air on a chair, sweating profusely while simultaneously getting a torturous workout. He's got a great hole and likes getting plowed, but we never see his dick in the entire scene, or the video. What's the deal? Is he unusually tiny? Impotent? Having a bad hair day? Nevertheless, seeing Hill spew on his smooth chest is nice.

Second scene: Alex Thomas is forced to fuck fruit. Not Damien, his tall surly top, who fucks him later, but an actual melon. You may recall *X-tacy* (reviewed a few weeks ago), which explored this non-human kink quite well. Here it's continuing.

**This is one kink that, for some, may be more pleasurable to do privately than to witness.**

ued, and other than the potential of getting seeds caught in your urethra, it's safe sex trend that should please growers nationwide.

Third scene: Danny Somers meets up with huge-oid body builder Dan Hooper for major role reversal. Somers, who resembles a living Brad Parker/Ace Moorcock cartoon (see *Meatmen Comics* or *Fresh Men*) proves the theory that the more muscular they are, the more they like getting screwed. But before Danny grinds his hose between Hoop's well-packed cheeks, he shoves an enema tube up befoi'd's rectum. This is one kink that, for some, may be more pleasurable to do privately than to witness. Although a highly recommended form of pre-sodomy hygiene, it's not for all tastes.

The final four-way (Daniels, Somers, Thomas



Clockwise from upper left: Danny Somers, Dan Hooper, Damien, and Wes Daniels from *The Inner Circle*

and Archer) is a basic suck and fuck, but the joyous sight of Wes Daniels getting sucked and plowed in both holes while kneeling doggie style is certifiably grand material. It's wonderful to see guys presumed to be tops in other tapes finally enjoying getting fucked. Let versatility rule! Danny Somers performs well, and Archer's neck-ups to slurp Daniels' dong are as athletic as his first scene (something tells me he'd be a great gym partner).

**The Inner Circle**  
Mustang Video

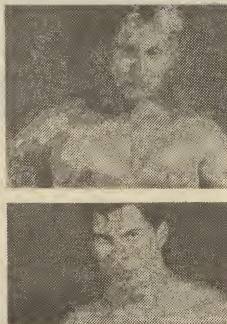
## Unsafe at Any Speed

While the title may sound like some faux-sexy het murder thriller, in *Hidden Instincts* there's very little hidden. But in this bang-out tape by Jersey auteur Robert Prion, the men do follow their natural instincts.

Since the herd of names is not visually identified, and since the opening credits are virtually illegible over a tacky animated muscle-man image, and since you really don't give a shit, performers will not be identified. Shaggy-haired lanky boy/man No. 1 tries to come out on the phone to his girlfriend, then fondles himself, strips, and jacks off. Like any tasteful young thing, he licks his fingers afterward.

Elsewhere, two dudes have come back from a failed ski trip. They sit on a frighteningly bright blue sofa with a dark-haired bud and take about two seconds to figure out what to do with their weekend instead. A quick three-way ensues, with one of them (the cutest) getting consistently left to merely rim or get sucked. Dark boy, the proverbial Jersey girl, gets rammed (without a condom) by the extra-skinny dude with an extra-long pole. They all come adequately.

Boy/man No. 1 pretends to fix his washer in a tiny room, and his chubby friend with a hairdo that could only be called "The Bobby Sherman Tribute" comes over. Boy/man asks him, since he knows he's gay, to teach him a few things. Does the older chunk queen show him how to use a condom? Does he buy him Magic Johnson's AIDS book? No, he makes a pass at him, slathering his tongue all over that precious mouth. Fast-forward past the 69 on the linoleum floor to avoid nausea, as well as the sight of the older man sitting his wide ass atop boy/man's sizable prong. Boy/man at least has learned how to be a top, and comes twice. Now



perhaps he'll learn how to fuck safer and to accept large amounts of cash for enduring sex with such types.

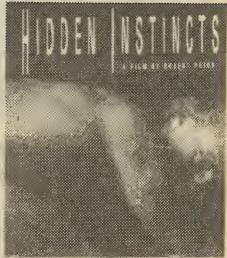
Imagine Zero Mostel in football shorts. If this isn't disgusting enough, imagine the director, Robert Prion, who resembles Mostel, stepping in front of the camera, bad wig and all, to harangue the succulent Dane Thomas, a lithe blonde with a swimmingly good gene pool. New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio may have signed legislation outlawing discrimination against gays, but this beautiful boy having sex with such a creature is a crime. He fucks the young god twice (without a rubber). Yes, the come shots are great, and call me a body fascist, but Robert Prion has a face for radio and a body to go with it.

Next, two go-go boys in garish spandex undies practice their routine (along with

the hideous decor of these cramped sets, the cramped undies are less than fashionable). The hunkier one dances quite well, grinding his hips wide. "This strap thing is hoitin' my ass," says the muscle stud. His frizzy-haired instructor relieves him of his shorts, and after plowing his fury ass (without dick wrap), also relieves him of a load of jizz.

Four average guys watch a homemade porn tape of Ed, one of the guys, and a hot hustler. Ironically, the cum shots in this tape-within-a-tape are magnificent, yet hard to see. Ed's buds remark how they wish they could bag a dude like that. Ever the gracious host, Ed opens a closet door to bring out his surprise gift: the nude, tanned hustler from the video. Wearing only sunglasses and a QT tan, he's a sort of Malibu Ken with a huge hard-on. A fine five-way ensues, with kneeling knob-slobbing, and then two fucking two others (without scumbags), with the fifth on the bottom sucking and getting it. Other than the hustler, these guys have average, okay bodies, not a drawback here. It seems, well, real.

Last scene: After picking up Dane hitchhiking, the dark-haired guy (who got plowed on his blue sofa in the second scene) takes Dane home, where the two go at it in Dane's cramped bedroom. The looming gabled ceiling gives it a wonderfully furtive boy sex atmosphere, as if Dane's mom might pop in with milk and cookies any moment. Dane's bod is amazing, nubile and toned as a



young deer, and he gives and receives with equal enthusiasm. His pal really warms up his winking hole, and it takes a good rimming and subsequent plowing. (No rubbers! What planet are these people living on?) Both shoot admirably, especially Dane, who, after kissing his newfound bud goodbye, turns to the camera and jacks off another powerful load while standing. You know how it is. You fuck a guy who's so hot you have to jack off afterward just thinking about it.

Also, if any queer record company people are reading, this tape copyright-infringes just about every pop tune around, from the Pet Shop Boys to Depeche Mode. The boys get all the holes plugged quickly and spurt like the twentysomethings we either are or appreciate, but the scenes are all of short, quick sex. Director Robert Prion needs to get his slimy self off-camera and go buy some rubbers for his hired studs. This rampant unsafe sex is despicable. ▼

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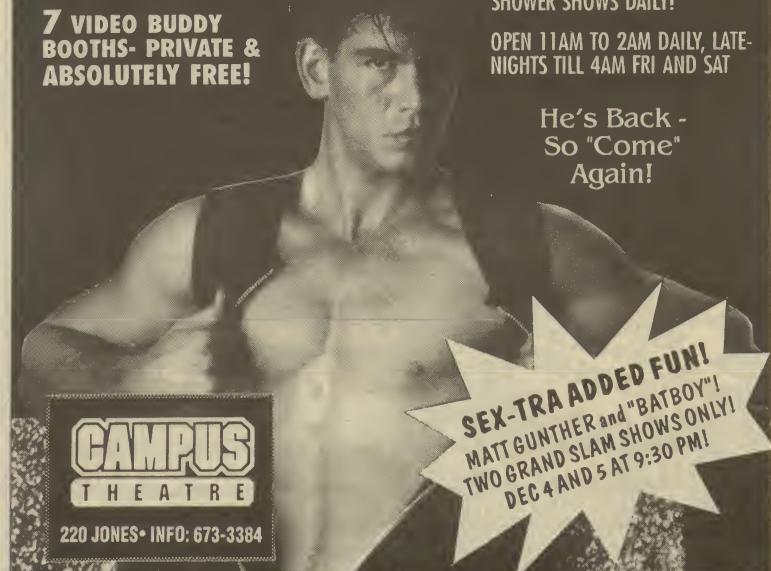
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# SPORTS AND FITNESS

## Making Room for Us In Sports Publications

by Nancy Boutilier

**W**ord of mouth goes a long way if you're looking for the best game of pick-up basketball in town. Our own B.A.R. sports calendar is sure to send you in the right direction if you're interested in playing winter softball or finding a table-tennis partner. But where can you turn for information about the wider sports world? What goes on beyond the Bay Area?

While reading does not yet qualify as a sport, it's fair to say that many people, athletes and fans alike, enjoy reading about sports. Thank goodness, someone is out there writing for and about us.

I'm not ready to call it a revolution in desktop publishing — not even an explosion. However, a professor once told me that "twice is a coincidence, three times is a pattern," so I feel justified in saying there's a pattern emerging in sports publications. In the world of newsletters, they are making room for news about lesbians and gay men in sports.

First, there's *U'94*, the official newsletter of New York

in '94, the organizing committee of Gay Games IV. *U'94*, published quarterly, includes stories about sports people and events happening now, as well as plans for the upcoming Gay Games.

The fall issue featured an inspiring profile of Ric Munoz, who, five years after discovering that he is HIV positive, is aiming for his 50th marathon. The newsletter also included a report from the newly formed FrontRunner club in Paris, a review of

**Yes, these women are pro-lesbian enough to address the homophobia in women's sports.**

the novel *The Dreyfus Affair*, and the announcement of the Key West Southernmost International Women's Flag Football Tournament, planned for February 1993.

If you, too, are interested in *U'94*, write to Gay Games IV, 135 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

### Supporting Women

If your preference is women, don't miss *Fans of Women's Sports*, published bimonthly by some women in Austin, Texas, who "boldly support girls and women in their endeavor to achieve their full personal, social, and professional potential. This includes all women regardless of age, race, color, creed, religion, disability, national origin, and sexual orientation." Yes, these women are pro-lesbian enough to address the homophobia in women's sports in their third issue.

The most recent issue of *Fans of Women's Sports* includes information for getting tickets to the women's NCAA Volleyball Final Four; an excellent list of references addressing lesbians in sports; a story on a teenage girl who was not only the starting kicker on the football team at Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, Virginia, but also a member of the homecoming court; and a Title IX update.

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a speculation, of course, but I first saw their ad in *Lesbian Connection* — there may well be some dykes behind the keyboards. If you want to know more, write *Fans of Women's Sports*, P.O. Box 49648, Austin, TX 78765.

### Jock Humor

Locally, of course, there is *GirlJock*, the humor magazine for the lesbian athlete with a political consciousness. A hybrid of sorts born in the 'zine explosion, *GirlJock* is on its eighth issue; the most recent one is called the "gettin kinda chilly issue," and features "Surfgirls Out of the Closet," "All Workout Video Action Reviews" (which reveals that Cher's new work-

out video shines while Fondu's is tired), and other choice items. As always, there are plenty of silly cartoons, fun photos, and tips that may come in handy. (Don't miss *Femme Jock's* fashion answers and lifestyle issues.)

As I sit here rooting for the hometown hero, *GirlJock*, I confess that my own writing does, at times, appear on its pages. But I cheered with abandon for this magazine before sending my first word to them. Besides, I needed three to call it a pattern, if not a trend.

So if you don't feel like going out for a run or if your tennis racket has a broken string, try reading something sporty. After all, reading is always in season, and you'll never be out of shape! ▀

## Stage Nearly Set For WCC XXVI

The SF Pool Association's West Coast Challenge players roster was recently swelled by the addition of their top-four women players and the winning team from the Hi-Lo Tournament.

The Women's Qualifier was held November 22 at the Cinch, where the top four seeds, Cathy Sutton, Mele DeVictoria, Teresa Oliver, and Helen Gaughran, were hoping to withstand the challenges of the other hopefuls.

WCC veteran Sutton was the first to secure a trophy-round bid with successive victories over Denise Catanach and Krista Smith. Mele DeVictoria joined her at the head of the winners bracket with wins vs. Michelle Spicher and Gaughran. Sutton then claimed the bracket's "hot seat" with a 3-1 derailing of DeVictoria.

Lisa Lewis had fallen as a first round 3-0 victim to the strong play of Monica Lee, but then began hacking her way through the losers bracket with eliminations of Teresa Oliver and Laura Phillips. Her quest for a WCC bid fell one match short in her next context vs. Gaughran. Lewis won the fifth place tie-breaker to earn first alternate status.

Liz Haas mirrored Lewis' performance in her first round 3-0 defeat by Michelle Spicher,

which was followed by losers bracket wins over Denise Catanach and Monica Lee. Haas was edged out of the trophy round in a 3-2 squeaker vs. Krista Smith. Smith would settle for fourth place and a WCC bid when she fell, 3-0, in her next match vs. Gaughran.

Gaughran's only loss had come in a 3-2 strategic marathon vs. DeVictoria, and now they found themselves locked in another. Knotted at two apiece, DeVictoria once again summoned up the win which would propel her into the finals. However, Gaughran's grasp of strategy and a 16-9 contest record assure SF of a competent WCC representative.

Finally the top two seeds, Sutton and DeVictoria, played for the women's title. Sutton had made the final four in four previous contests, but it was a first for DeVictoria, who had been honing her competitive skills most recently on the California Women's 9-Ball Tour.

DeVictoria seized the momentum with a 3-0 blanking of Sutton in the first match, which set up the final, tie-breaking race to three. Sutton fired back, and the two competitors took the match to a tie game, a single win away from the title. Sutton's late game miss gave DeVictoria a chance at a run-out, but her cue-ball



Hi-Lo Winners

stopped just short of an easy 8-ball shot. With tournament director Lisa Duncan looking on to determine a legal stroke, DeVictoria raised her cue to a near vertical angle and speared in the 8-ball, which delivered her first tournament title.

The next piece of the WCC puzzle to be fitted into place was the Hi-Lo winning team, which was determined November 24 when 48 players paired off at the Q Club. Based on season standings, the highest-rated player was

linked with the lowest until the two middle-rated players formed the final team.

Jerry Pepper, a name more familiar to softball enthusiasts, topped his first SFPA season off with a Hi-Lo crown. The "Hi" end of the undefeated team was Orlando Cruise, who will also be making a first appearance in a WCC event. Rounding out the top four teams were Wally Sutherland and Larry Schwarz in second place, Ben Napili and Donna Hughes-Oldenberg in third, and Zachary Perry and Brian Cook in fourth.

Action between the final four teams continues this week when No. 4-seeded Marlene's Magic tackles top-seeded Q Club Geezers and No. 11-seeded Cinchpanders challenge No. 2-seeded Q Club. Dial JOE-POOL for SFPA information. ▼

## Apex Awards Update

Balloting is currently under way for the Fifth Annual Apex Awards, scheduled for February 6, 1993, at the California Club. Honoring excellence in more than 20 sports, the Apex Awards are intended to encourage Bay Area sporting teams, leagues, and clubs to honor those participants who have shown excellence on the playing field, good sporting conduct, and made significant contributions to the lesbian and gay sporting community-at-large.

The most prestigious Apex honor is The Tom Waddell Memorial Award, presented to a person representative of the ideals of this world renowned athlete, who founded the Gay Games. Former recipients of this award are Mal Garcia, Bob Puerzer, Sara Lewinstein, and Dave Studach.

Although final balloting for this award takes place at the awards ceremony, nominees are selected by the Apex Board of Governors from

among candidates nominated by members of the lesbian and gay sporting community. Supporting letters of nomination should be sent as soon as possible to The Apex Award, 347 Waller Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

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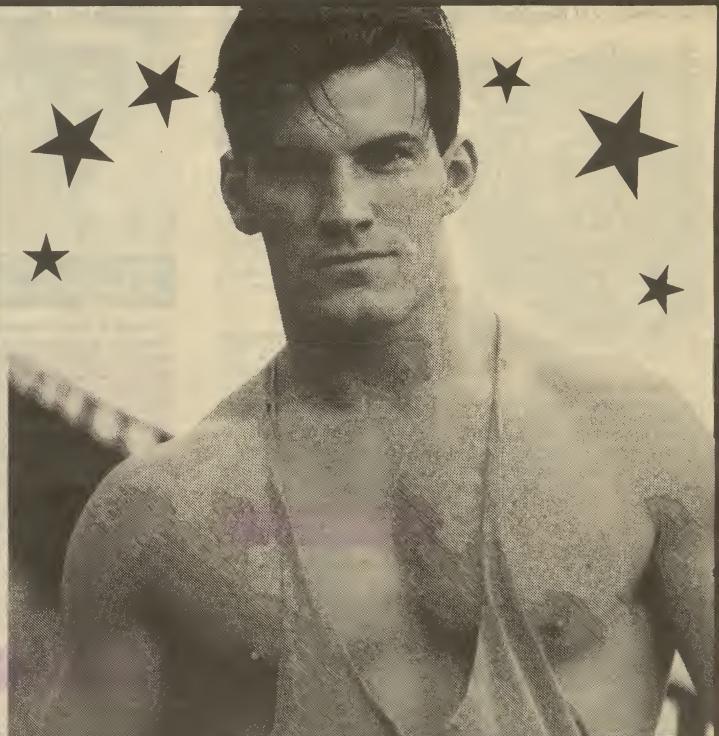
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Pinata phobia, sex in a taco, McFrida burgers, femme home boys, butch cholas and turkey-baster chihuahuas are among the themes tackled by this LA comic ensemble. \$10. 8pm (also 10pm Fri.) Thru 12/13. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

**Sharon McNight**  
The Queen of Cabaret opens a new club with a fun act of song and wit. \$15. 2 drink min. 9:30pm. Thru 12/31. Cyril's, below Club Fugazi, 678 Green St. 421-4222.

**Sensed That, Pulled the Hair, Got Undressed**  
Rad performance women Carrie Field and Miriam Kronberg explore privilege, queer life, STDs and rape. 8:30pm. Also Sat. \$5-10. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero at McAllister. 885-2003.

**Christmas With Judy**  
Matthew Martin brings Eartha and Peggy back to town and Sammy & Judy up from the dead for a special holiday songfest. Uncanny impersonations. \$15. 8:30pm. Thru 12/20. The Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Fort Mason Center. 292-3218.

**Baby With the Bathwater**  
Seven-Out Productions' staging of Christopher Durang's absurd comedy about parenting gone haywire. \$7-12. 8pm. Thru 12/20. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom at 7th. 752-7808.

**The Sound of Music**  
Nuns, Nazis, and a non-traditional nanny. "Lay-di-oh-de-lay-di-oh-de-lay-hee-hoo!" \$12-16. 8pm, Sat. & Sun. mats. at 2:30pm. Thru 12/20. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. 329-2623.

**The Arms of Helen**  
New adaptation of the Trojan war tale, with a perspective from the lives of Clytemnestra and Cassandra. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru 12/7. SoMar Theatre, 934 Brannan (btwn. 8th & 9th). 882-1199.

**A Snake in the Vein**  
New black comedy by the late Alan Bowe (*Sharon and Billy, Beirut, Spike of Bensonhurst*) with streetwise dialogue and dark humor. \$10. 8:30pm. Thru 12/19. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

**The Baltimore Waltz**  
Paula Vogel's Obie Award-winning comedy about a woman's fantastical trip to Europe with her gay brother. \$12-21. 8:30pm. Sun. at 2 & 7:30pm. Thru 12/20. The Magic Northside Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. 441-8822.

**The Pope and the Witch**  
Dario Fo's absurd comedy about a dizzy pontiff and his scurrilous spin doctors. \$11-36. 8pm, 2pm Wed. & Sat., 3pm Sun. Thru 12/19. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter. 749-2ACT.

**Unfinished Business**  
Jonathan Aaronson's auto-biographical solo performance journey as a former Broadway dancer, with 15 characters. \$12-15. 8pm. Sat. at 7 & 10pm. Thru 12/13. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 621-4423.

**Daddy and the Muscle Academy**  
Fascinating documentary about the late Tom of Finland and his lifelong career drawing the big-titted, huge-cocked uber-hunks of many a cartoon fantasy. \$6. 7 & 9pm. Sat. Sun. & Wed. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9pm. Thru 12/10. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.



**My Favorite Aryan: The Sound of Music in Redwood City (Fri.)**

**Deadly Currents**  
Shocking, intense, filmed interviews and sometimes violent footage of artists, intellectuals and soldiers on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian war. Lumiere Theatre, 1572 California at Polk. 885-3200.

**Lesbian & Gay Anthropologists**  
A reception coinciding with the national association conference, with book displays by member authors who dig up queer history. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia at 21st. 282-9246.

## SATURDAY 5

**Solstice Dance and Music**  
Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers, choreographer Susan Van Pelt and composer Karolyn Van Putten perform together in a benefit for Theatre Rhinoceros' upcoming feminist musical fable, *Adele Prandini's Coconut*. \$7-20. 8pm. The Women's Building, 3543 18th. 864-6683.

**Homo for the Holidays**  
Spend "Solstice at the Pink Pentagram Piano Bar," or sing along to "The 12 Steps of Christmas" in this funny comedy revue. \$11-17. 8pm. mats. at 3pm (Sun) & 5pm (Sat). Thru 12/12. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

**Gay Comedy Night**  
Danny Williams, Monica Palacios, Maureen Brownsey \$8. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

**Post Modern Sisters (PMS) Just Beneath the Skin**

Women's collective of films and videos; *Just Words* by Louise Bourque, *Assimilation a simulation* by Windy Chien, *Hajj* by Hollie Lavenstein, plus *Girls Daydream About Hollywood, Chronicles of a Living Spirit* and *Monique*. \$3-5. 8pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission. 558-8129.



**Sensed That... at 848 (Fri.)**

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans**  
Group repair of Fisherwoman's Trail, followed by BBQ on the gorgeous Marin Headlands. Also, a morning (9:30am) urban jaunt through North Beach, Telegraph Hill to Coit Tower. Info, meeting loc: 861-6591.



**Safe Sex shopping at Good Vibrations (Thu.)**

**Lesbian & Gay Hortiphiles**  
Green & lavender thumbs get wet in a Holiday Swap Party with a glassed-in rain forest, heated pool and spa. The Oakland Hills bash to crash! Newcomers welcome. Bring your own towel and swim suit, please. 3pm. Info/loc: (415) 851-1022.

**Victorian Holiday Faire**  
A Victorian Village with foods, wreaths, decorations, an English pub and lots of other surprises. \$1-3. Noon-6pm. Also Sun. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin. 776-4580.

## SUNDAY 6

**SexArt Salon**  
Open forum of readings, performance, sexual creativity and erotic出rageousness. Open to all persuasions. \$10 with buffet dinner. 3pm. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th (the new restaurant named after the late drag diva Ethyl Eichelberger). 544-1136.

**Motion Studies**  
Scott MacDonald curates a film program that furthers the debate: what is avant-garde? Included are Yoko Ono's *Fly*, Anne Severson's *Near the Big Chakra* (37



**The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir**

Choirs tend to come out in large numbers over the holidays, and one of the most inspirational is the **Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir**. Catch their 7th Annual Christmas Concert of inspirational songs and hymns. Bring non-perishable food to donate to the poor and homeless. \$10. 15. 7:30pm. Sat., Dec 5. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 762-BASS.

Craving another tasteful choral adventure? Music and mocha melt together in a candlelight & chocolate tasting evening with the **Mannerstimmen Male Vocal Ensemble**. A cappella repertoire from the Renaissance to Gold Rush tunes and Robert Frost poems will be performed. Ethel M Chocolates and Joseph Schmidt Confections provide the confections. Can you say "sugar rush"? \$15, free to PWAs, PWHIV and their caregivers. Sunday, Dec. 6. 7pm. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 16th & Dolores. 826-4618.

After pigging out, get some slimmingly musical inspiration with **A Karen Carpenter Christmas**. SF's Big Bang Beat makes a starvingly good holiday tunefest in the AM radio canon. "Baby, baby, baby, oh baby...I love you. I really do." \$7-10. 8:30pm. Opens Dec. 9. Thru 12/27. Presented by the Marsh, but at a different location, 1062 Valencia near 22nd. 641-0235.

In **Rhythm Anonymous**, Lynn Jassem and other pals star in an evening of tap, mime, singing and stand-up. \$10. 8pm. Thru Sat. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness at Market. 861-8972.

**Lynn Jassem**

Find the most unique holiday gifts at the Ninth Annual New Langton Artists' Auction and Store. Over 150 artists will have works on the block, with minimum bids as low as \$50. The store has wacky artified objects for as low as \$5. Featured artists include John Baldessari, Naylor Blake, Valerie Soe, Jerome Caja, Carrie Mae Weems, Al Wong and dozens more. Proceeds benefit New Langton Arts artists funding. Auction takes place Thursday Dec. 10, 6-8pm, New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom (btwn. 8th & 9th). The store is open 11am-6pm, Thu-Sat thru 12/19. Find that totally unique holiday gift, even if it's for yourself. 626-5416.

Sex, drugs, juvenile delinquents, Hollywood, corruption and other tasty topics will be splayed across the Roxie Cinema's screen this week, starting with trippy narco frenzy flick *Blue Sunshine*, where LSD heads turn into bald killers. *The People Next Door* isn't much closer to reality, but still a scary hoot (both 12/4). Bad girls delight in *Beat Girl*, a goateed trip into degradation and violence. The tawdry B-class *Reform School Girl* features a young Sally Kellerman, but there's nothing hidden in this ranch of psycho youth (both 12/5).

Sunday is Julie Christie day, with *Petulia* (set in 60s SF) and *Darling*, an Oscar winner directed by John Schlesinger (12/6). *George Kuchar* shows new stuff on Monday, while Tuesday is Floyd Mutrux night, with *American Hot Wax* (50s rock doc), and *Dusty & Sweets McGee* (personal heroin tales). Wednesday, drift down to La La Land for two classic corruption tales, *Chinatown* ("She's my sister! She's my daughter!") and (John Schlesinger directing again) the classic *Day of the Locust*, with the incomparable Karen Black!

Thursday get ready to rock yer socks off as the 60s precursor to MTV, *Scopitone* showcases 60s pop music videos by Nancy Sinatra, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, Dion and many more. Call for times. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th at Valencia. 863-1087.



**Beat Girl at the Roxie Cinema**

vagina portraits) and three other pivotal '70s films. \$5. 8pm. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut. 558-8129.

**Miracle on 34th Street**  
Natalie Wood in her prepubescent prime as the disbelieving girl whose mom works at Macy's and befriends the real Santa Claus. \$5. 8pm. The Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400.

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans**  
Annual Holiday party and awards dinner, with the Fabulous Velcros performing. \$10. 5-10pm. Olive Oil's, 295 China Basin Way. 285-9660.

**G40plus Club**  
Featured guest Richard Andrews, MD, discusses activism. 2pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

**Evangelicals Concerned**  
San Jose study/group. Also meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm in SF and East Bay 6pm. Info: (415) 621-3297.

## MONDAY 7

**Elvis Herselvis & the Straight White Males**  
Also Bambi Lake and The Living End, with Glamamore. \$5. 9:30pm. Forbidden Planet, at Paradise Lounge, 308 11th St.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike**  
Emcee Marilyn Pittman. Rookies sign up by phone. \$4. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Sun at 2pm. Studio Theatre, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway. 338-2467.

**History on Screen**  
SF's gay & lesbian heritage from the 1800s to the present is presented in a fascinating slide show by the Historical Society's Bill Walker. 7pm. Downstairs meeting room, Park Branch, SF Public Library, 1833 Page. 666-7155.

**Without**  
Diverse group art exhibition of work dealing with the loss from AIDS. Karen Finley, David Wojnarowicz, Nan Goldin, Rene de Guzman, Cliff Hengst and others. Opening reception 5:30. Thru 12/19. The Lab, 1807 Divisadero at Bush. 346-4063.



## Local 7

A showcase of new dance and performance, with Erica Essner, Dawn Roverton, Susan Whipp and others. \$7. 8:30pm. Also Sat. Dancer's Group Footwork. 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.



Hank & Bob's Longest Night at the Marsh (Wed.)



Baby With the Bathwater at Above Brainwash (Fri.)

## THURSDAY 10

**At the Speed of Life**  
Elbows Akimbo's dance theatre video work about media control and resistance. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru 12/20. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-3311.

**Oakland Symphony Chorus**  
It's Christmas in Vienna as the chorus sings Brahms, Bruckner, Schubert and Strauss, conducted by new Music Director Magen Solomon. \$5-15. 8pm. First Congregational Church of Oakland, Harrison & 27th sts., Oakland. (510) 658-0160.

**Rosencrantz & Guildenstern's Excellent Adventure**

Lamplighters Shakespearean parody takes two students into a crazy Bardian revue. \$32-35. 8pm (Thu.), 8:30 (Fri. & Sat.) 2:30 (Sun.). Thru Sun. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk at Masonic. 752-7755.

**Fiction Writing Workshop** Author Bo Huston will teach a 12-week course focusing on short stories by lesbian and gay writers. Begins Jan. Wednesdays, 7-9pm above A Different Light. Class fee: \$200. Send writing sample, info/bio and writing courses taken, plus \$50 deposit to: Bo Huston, 25 Mirabel Ave. SF, CA 94110. 641-9470.

**Low Budget Blue Movie Blues** FrameLine and Falcon's second workshop in producing homemade safe sex videos. Dec. 7, 7pm. Carefree, 174 King St. (3rd & Townsend). 864-5855, ext. 2547.

**GLOE Men's & Women's Support Group** Sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders. Women's group every other Sat. 1:30pm. Loc./info: 381-3563. Men's group meets Thur., Dec 10, 2:45pm, at 711 Eddy.

**Working with Western Medicine in a Metaphysical Way** Rev. Annette Keyes, minister at the Church of Amnon, leads a workshop. 7pm. Thur., Dec. 8, Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness. 775-0227.

**Acting Up for Prisoners** Judy Greenspan & others from ACT UP, former inmate Lawrence Wilson & attorney Sam Miller discuss the Vacaville situation after a screening of the ACT UP video. 7pm. Rm. 109, New College School of Law, 50 Fell. 285-5067.

**How to Beat the Holiday Blues with Cognitive Therapy** Lec-dem led by Bob Taxin, M.F.C.C. Fri., Dec. 4, 7-9pm. St. Paulus Lutheran Church, 950 Gough (Eddy & Turk). 647-7955.

**Basic Dating 101** for gay men, with Daniel Linder, *The Seven Principles of Healthy Dating* author. \$55. Sat. Dec 5. Lesbian class Dec. 12. 9:30am-5:30pm. 935 Lootens, Ste. 208, San Rafael. (510) 649-9818.

## TUESDAY 8

**Holiday Concert for the Child in All of Us**  
Dance and sing along to Christmas carols, with Jay Kast, Vocal Minority and the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. Tutus available for rent for the Nutcracker portion. Be a real Sugar Plum Fairy! Free. 8:15pm. Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez at Clipper. 621-5619.

**Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers Holiday Concert**  
Queerified pop carols, surprises and good sounds. \$10. 8pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

**Gloria Frym**  
Short story author reads from *How I Learned*. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia at 21st. 282-9246.

**Angels**  
Group show of sculpture, photography, paintings and mixed media. Also '5X5 Memorium 55 No. 1/' Vittorio Arimondi's photographic essay of 55 men, all beautiful models, all dead from AIDS. Thru 12/31. Spectrum Gallery, 511 Harrison at 1st. Call for hours. 495-1113.

**Tuesdays at the Acorn**  
Meals with a purpose, with 33 percent going toward an AIDS organization; this week GAPA Community HIV Project. \$36 prix fixe meal. 6 & 8pm. The Acorn, 1256 Folsom at 9th. 863-2469.

## WEDNESDAY 9

**Hank & Bob's Longest Night**  
Scary songs, frightening fantasies and diabolic dirges, with special appearances by three wise queens. \$6. 8:30pm. Also 12/16 & 23. The Marsh, 968 Valencia near 21st St. 641-0235.

**The Trojan Women**  
Euripides tragedy, set in post-WWII Japan, and using the striking imagery of traditional Japanese theatre. \$7. 8pm.

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Very gdlnkng, athletic GWM, 27yo, 6'1, 175lbs, well bld and hung, HIVneg, into safe, hot sex. EXT. 5334

Tall and masc GWM, 41yo, sks yngr top. Let your daddy make you feel good. Whatever you want! You: 20-30yo. EXT. 5335

32yo top, 5'10, 165lbs, bl/bl, 8" uncut carp, long hair, smoke and lite alcohol, sks boys, 25-40yo, to be spanked. Into WS, FF, SM, you be too. EXT. 5337

Sir, 33yo WM ckskr sks bondage master. Inexpnd but eager. Let me be your ckskr, sir. EXT. 5338

Tall, dark, hairy, hndsm w/8 hard inches top lkng for stocky BB, smooth type, for day sex in your place. EXT. 5339

Gdlnkng BM, eager btm, 34yo, 5'10, 180lbs, sks GWM tops, 20-40s, masc, to eat and fuck my smooth bubble butt. EXT. 5340

SM btm, fit 57yo, beard, tatts, rings, slit dick, deep throat, sks 40yo plus, no limit, all scenes powertrip top. Cpls welcome. EXT. 5341

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21yo guy lkng for wht yngr male, very boyish lkng. I like the outdoors, etc. No exp, no problem! Don't be afraid. Call EXT. 5344

Oakland midnight rambler sks guys who know my ads and are late night — those who are into exactly what the ads say — not what one would like them to say. Masc only. EXT. 5343

Gdlnkng, hot GWM, 29yo, 6'2, 180lbs, br/gr, cln-shvn, likes to service hot men. Kick back and enjoy. EXT. 5335

Masc 30yo, fit, hairy, HIVneg, sks sincere bi/gay male for frndshp and good times. Must be HIVneg and outgoing, not into bars. Masc guys only. EXT. 5348

Let's sleep tight and do boyfriend things for the holidays and after. Mutual kisses, nipple work, oral action, videos, toys for men 35yo plus. Daddy's boys considered.

GWM, 5'9, 158lbs, blond, smkr, HIVpos, 40s. Call. EXT. 5349

GLM, 5'4, 135lbs, 34yo, btm, horny, lkng for top WM. EXT. 5356

HIVpos, Virgo papacito w/stache wntd by GWM, 6', 30ish, br/bl, cuddlemaster, keys on right. EXT. 5360

Smooth, masc Asian, yng 45yo, 5'9, sks similar cln-shvn, lean, musc, in-shape WM friends into foreplay, massage and safe, hot sex. EXT. 5358

GLM, 5'4, 135lbs, 34yo, btm, horny, lkng for top WM. EXT. 5356

Very attrac GAM, 33yo, 5'8, 160lbs, prof, educated, warm-hearted, affectionate, nice body, HIVneg. San Jose, sks lover and friend. 35-55yo. EXT. 5365

Masc guy to service studs w/heavy throat openers, any race or age, macho. Marin, off 101. Hot times, 3-ways OK. EXT. 5366

Try me. 26yo LM, in shape, trim and tight, smooth butt, sks WM/BM, clean, healthy w/hard, strong body and very expert to make love for first time. Be gentle, honest, 18-28yo, well cut and hung. Penin or S Bay. No games. SFwelcome. EXT. 5367

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue-fuck your big, hairy bubble butt. You: well-bt WM, 20-30s, hairy. Me: hot, hung big, well bld, hungry tongue. EXT. 5368

Muscular? Gdlnkng WM, 6'2, lean, hard body, HIVneg, wants athletic, well-bt guy under 35yo (I'm 32yo) to explore JO, oral action. EXT. 5369

49yo lkng for a healthy GLBoy only to manhandle my nice ass as well as suck my nice, warm 7" cock. Loosen up my hole w/your cock. EXT. 5370

Early mornings after 2am? want your dick sucked? Smack my face w/your big dick, balls and crotch. EXT. 5371

Yng studs! Send your vidool Show your ID or not, if you're 18-21yo, call to find out about video exchange club. EXT. 5372

If you're 5'8 or shorter, smooth, stocky (over 160lbs), BB type, 20-45yo, who needs some help to make ends meet and likes 3-ways w/two prof, attrac, cln-cut, hung, mid-30s and 40s, call us. We like clean, safe sex. No fats or fems. EXT. 5373

Mature BM, uncut, HIVneg, good build, near 9", lg low-hangers, needs reg massage/deep throat. Older expert a plus. Sincere pls. EXT. 5374

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## Television

### Network Q

(Continued from page 33)

feit their taste police options right there.

By the third issue (November) Butterfield has toned down his schtick and, working alone, has a good time meeting people and seeing

**Network Q like anything with a magazine format, is a mixed bag — some successes and some real clunkers.**

the sights of Washington, D.C. At an outdoor restaurant he asks diners where they're from and comes across like an amiable — and funny — game show host. He definitely grows on you.

#### Outing America

Another highlight of Network Q is a segment called "Out in America," which looks at ordinary gay Americans who, in varying degrees, have lived their lives openly. The September issue includes Peter Friedman and Jean Francois Brunet's film *Fighting in Southwest Louisiana*, a moving, well-made documentary about a mailman in the rural South who leads a happy, openly gay life despite his personal battle with AIDS.

For the November edition, Surber and Puckett incorpo-

rated many changes suggested by subscribers in an ongoing viewer survey. Set in Washington during the recent Names Project event, this episode has a much less flashy, more overtly political slant. It features a long interview with outgoing head of the NGLTF, Urvashi Vaid, a captivating speaker who deserves a higher profile than she's had in the mainstream media, as well as substantial coverage of the Quilt and AJDS protests at the White House.

The worst segment — and it's been on all three tapes — is called "On Being Gay," a series of chats with Brian McNaught, a lecturer and author who sits on a red leather sofa in a very Boston-looking parlor. He sets out to "dismiss the myths of being homosexual and replace them with the facts on being gay." This is

**The October issue's full-length speech by Bill Clinton at a gay fundraiser in Hollywood is historically significant and a joy to watch.**

the only editorial decision that reflects poorly on Surber's newfound liberation.

There are probably millions of people who could benefit from hearing McNaught (Mr. Rogers' younger

brother in a pullover) earnestly, patronizingly, talk on and on in the most banal terms imaginable about gay myths (we're not child molesters, we don't recruit — you know the routine) and his personal experiences. But not many of them will be subscribing to something called Network Q. McNaught, bless his heart, is a serious version of Stuart Smalley (Al Franken's 12-step addicted *Saturday Night Live* character) on valium. Have the remote handy.

There are other segments I could do without, but the tapes have gotten progressively better and Surber plans to continue tinkering with the format and listening to viewers' suggestions. Other gay/lesbian TV projects have come and gone over the years, but this one deserves a chance to succeed. For information call 1-800-368-0638. ▼



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# BAY AREA REPORTER BAZAAR

## Mr. Marcus

### Chicago Leather Activists Inducted Into City's Hall of Fame



Dom Orejudos (also known as the artist Etienne) and co-founder of the Int'l. Mr. Leather contest, was inducted posthumously into the Chicago Hall of Fame on Nov. 16 in the Windy City. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Thom Dombrowski, IML '92 Head Judge and prominent Chicago leather activist also an inductee in the Chicago Hall of Fame. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

In a glittering ceremony at Chicago's Cultural Center on Monday, Nov. 16, four members of the Windy City's leather community were inducted into Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in the second annual event sponsored by the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues of the Chicago commission on Human Relations. There were 11 other men and women inducted as well as the Horizon Community Services Center and the Metropolitan Sports Association-Chicago. This is the only known major city that so honors its gay and lesbian citizens, and the hall is both a historic event and exhibit that will eventually become a part of that city's cultural expositions.

Established in 1991, the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame honors the contributions of those whose efforts help to eradicate homophobia, bias, and discrimination. In last year's ceremony, IML founder, Chuck Renslow and businessman/activist/sportsman Jim Flint were inducted along with other gays and lesbians.

This year, activists Gary Chichester (Back Door Promotions, producers of IML); Thom Dombrowski (head judge at IML '92 and political activist and tireless fundraiser); Harley McMillen (IML executive and longtime leather and fundraising activist); and IML co-founder Dom Ore-

judos (a.k.a. the artist Etienne) were honored for all their contributions and efforts for the good of the gay and lesbian community as well as other Chicagoans. Their names and likenesses will forever be enshrined/housed in the yet-to-be established Hall of Fame location.

At the risk of being thought guilty of committing one of the seven deadly sins — envy — I can't help but feel little respect for San Francisco's gay/lesbian political maven (not all of them, mind you — there are exceptions). Instead of honoring the contributions and unselfish efforts of countless gays and lesbians here, they seem more content to sit idly by and hope for an appointment to a civic commission or a well-paying job, rather than instilling a sense of gay and lesbian pride for all our citizens to appreciate.

It was pretty laid back around town last week. They had a rousing, enthusiastic crowd at the Watering Hole last Wednesday cheering for those vying for the November '93 spot on the Great Buns Calendar. Judges Ms. Jamie, Dieter Edwards, and Taylor Poff had a fun time with the seven beauties. With Tommi Rose emceeing, it proved to be funnier than ever. When all was said and done, Kirk Watson took the spot.

They picked Mr. December '93 last night (too late for this

deadline), and next Wednesday night, Dec. 9, they'll be picking the cover buns. IML Lenny Broberg will emcee this one, so be there by 2130 if you want to have a few thousand laughs.

In Washington, D.C., Saturday night, Nov. 28, the new Mr. DC-Eagle was picked by audience vote before a jam-packed house. While I was unable to get all the details, Tony Willing is Mr. DC-Eagle '92. The first runner-up was Reed Johnston of Durham, NC, and the president of the newest club in town The Defenders MC, "Buck," was the second runner-up. They promised me photos — soon.

The weather conditions around the country prevented my trip to Puerto Rico over the weekend, so I was persuaded to hop up to the RushRiv for the bon voyage party at the Rainbow Cattle Co. Four-year veteran Rainbow Cattle Co. bartender (and also Mr. Drummer 1984), Sonny Cline, has opted to move to Palm Springs for about six months, where he will reign supreme at a new drag-show bar (a la Finocchio's) called the Flamingo, which is opening any day now.

Now why would a former Mr. Drummer be comfortable in a drag-show bar, you ask? As far as Sonny is concerned, he could fit in anywhere, especially when considering he was Ms. Gay Indiana for two years in a row way back when the Earth's crust was cooling off. If you find yourself in that desert spa, drop in and say hi to the Flamingo's butchest employee! And stop smirking! I could tell you about a couple more major leather title holders who were very active in drag circles before they discovered leather!

I didn't make it to The 15 As-



Kirk Watson (l.) is Mr. November '93 on the Watering Hole's Great Buns Calendar. He won last Wednesday, Nov. 25. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

## Mr. Marcus

sociation's free party over the weekend nor the beer/soda bust at the Eagle for the Western Star Dancers' benefit for the PWA Xmas dinner, but I've been assured everyone had a good time at both venues. From what I've seen so far, that "other" person who complained that I didn't/couldn't make it to all the leather events hasn't been very visible either!

### Dot, Dot, Dot, Dish

In case you didn't see the Tom of Finland documentary, *Daddy and the Muscle Academy*, when it was here last June (perhaps because of the lousy, inept review by a non-leather writer), it returns/opens tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 4) at the Castro, and runs through Dec. 10. Highly acclaimed overseas and in major markets here, if you are into leather, were ever into leather or ever hope to be in leather, you must see this sensitive documentary of a lifetime effort that thrilled so many people.

It's also interesting to note that the Tom of Finland Foundation, housed in Los Angeles, has expanded its efforts to save the art of other practitioners of the genre. Durk Dehner is the guiding light in this preservation of the icons of leather culture; the foundation will include the works of Etienne, Paul "Tank" Tankersley (who passed over earlier this year), and others yet to be decided upon.

It is a painstaking and laborious effort, but also one that will be appreciated by thousands long after all of us are gone. We should all be thankful that someone in our midst has the perseverance and dedication to make future generations aware of their past. Hats off to Durk Dehner and the Tom of Finland Foundation for their caring and sensitivity.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Eric Fayne, Mr. Pendulum Leather, is holding a clothing drive for clients of the Gay Rescue Mission. Drop off warm clothing (jackets, trousers, blankets, sox) and canned goods at the bar during business hours — through Sunday, Dec. 6.

Weekend, Dec. 4-6: Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy Bart Plumley hosts Little Drummer Boy weekend, with fantasies and entertainment, reception, show, cocktail parties, buffet, tour of Denver —

all for only \$40 for the weekend package and benefiting the CAP Food Bank and Rocky Mountain Drummer & Boy Travel Fund. Call (303) 733-7442 for info. Don't boycott Colorado gay/lesbian events — only those businesses who haven't signed the non-discriminatory pledge!

Friday, Dec. 4: Sharon McNight opens tonight at Cyril's, the new Steve Silver nightclub (basement Club Fugazi, 678 Green St.) in a dazzling holiday show through Dec. 31. Sharon's always a crowd pleaser, so don't be left out. Call 421-4222 for reservations (\$15) plus a two-drink minimum.

Saturday, Dec. 5: New uniform group, Golden State Uniform Corps, throws their first annual Commandant's Mess, 1900 tonight at Charpe's for \$35; stringent dress requested. Meet the officers of the new group and win door prizes. Call (415) 255-2836 or 665-8506 for more info.

Sunday, Dec. 6: Guess who's celebrating her birthday today from 1400 to 1900 at the Edgewater West (10 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland) with a clean and sober event with formal attire requested? You got it — the fabulous Rainbeau — she who has given so much time, talent, and energy to countless benefits. The woman who never says no. Dancing and music (including her signature song — "Somewhere Over the Rainbow") for adults only. Happy days



Men like this and many others are featured in *Daddy and The Muscle Academy* documentary opening this weekend at the Castro Theater. (Courtesy Tom of Finland Foundation)

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Jackie and Danny Wong are hosting another tailgate party at Marlena's on Sunday, December 6, to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Also on Sunday, December 6, the Cinch will be sponsoring a buffet to benefit the Godfather Fund. It promises to be a successful fundraiser for a

great organization.

The Tavern Guild is sponsoring a similar benefit with a raffle for a color television. Tickets are \$1, and proceeds go to the Godfather Fund. The drawing will be held at the Tavern Guild Christmas Party on December 8 at the Galleon. The party, free to guild members, begins at 8 p.m., with a \$10 cover charge for guests. There will be a no-host bar, entertainment, and a buffet by Chuck Davis.

At 6 p.m. on December 6, Sissy's is featuring a Broadway revue, followed on December 11 by a special show and extravaganza at 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, the Gangway will be having their fabulous Christmas party and show, with a buffet be-



Mr. Drummer 1984 Sonny Cline leaves the Bay Area for a stint at Palm Springs' new bar, The Flamingo, opening soon.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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Wednesday, Dec. 9: Which of the 12 Great Buns contest winners will end up on the cover of the 1993 calendar? They'll all be competing for the spot tonight. No back cover runner-up! See you at 2130 for fun/laughs.

Saturday, Dec. 12: third Annual Mr. Chubby Contest at the Lone Star at 2000 tonight. Bill Weaver retires the sash with \$100 for the winner, plus 50/50 raffle, music by Rex Richards and (hopefully) erotic dancing by the Fantasy Men. Entry forms available now!

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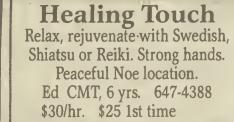
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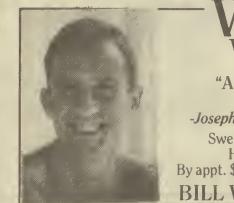
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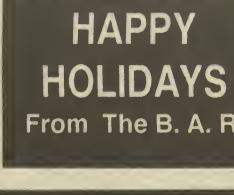
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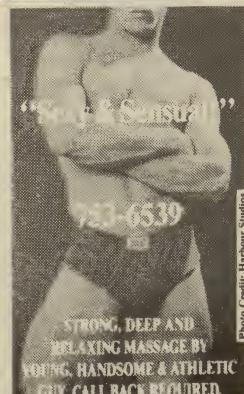
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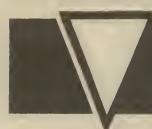
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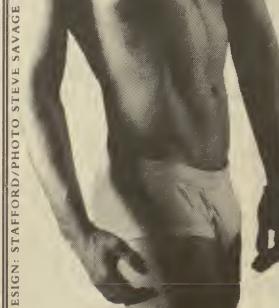
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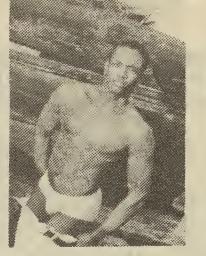
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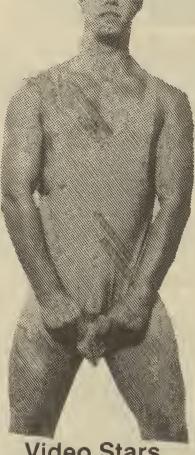
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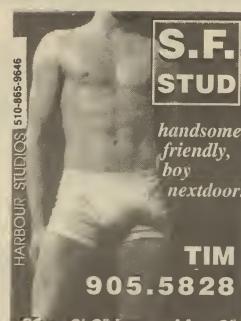


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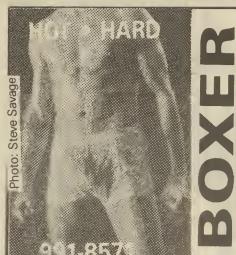


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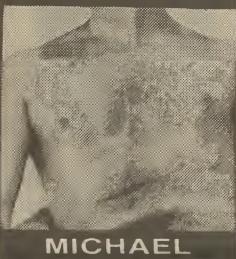
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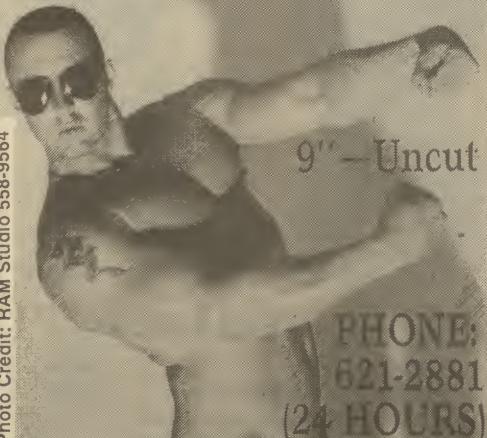
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